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Scott bows out of asphalt plant debate

LAURA HENDRICK

Staff Reporter

The proposal to build a permanent asphalt plant on Bark Lake has put another politician in a revealing position. In late January, Highlands East council shocked

local landowners by reversing council's previous decision to reject the proposal. Now the regional Member of Provincial Parliament, Laurie Scott, has concerned citizens up in arms as she refuses to take a side on the issue, deeming it "not political."

"I feel disheartened. I feel like we can't depend on our politicians to represent us," said Cathy Logan, who owns a cottage about eight kilometres away from the proposed site. "I think she would have a big influence because she's speaking for the people."

After attempting to contact Scott several times with her concerns, Logan has resorted to hiring a lawyer. She said she needs someone to interpret the dense government documents that help determine if the proposal is approved.

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Searching for treasure

JDHES students from Madam Brandon's Grade 6 French immersion class gather with their grubby treasure after scouring the school grounds as part of Earth Week. The whole school took part in the clean-up, with Madam Brandon's class gathering the third most trash. Mr. Buchanan's Grade 6 class came second and Mr. Mumford's PALS class came first after hauling in everything from old tires to iron bars. Pictured left to right: Louis Ferracuti, Riley Tait, Kieran Poropat, Jonah Stonehouse, Justin Vanhieshout, Jessica Bishop, Brigitta Hicks, John Mark Penman, Jessica Duchene, Emma Paul, Ali Hicks, Megan LaPierre, Mikaela Gordon.

Council approves budget increase; taxes to go up

GREG HOEKSTRA

Staff Reporter

Haliburton County ratepayers should start bracing for higher property taxes in 2007, after county council approved a 6.3 per cent budget increase last Wednesday.

Despite council's efforts to keep taxes as low as possible, county treasurer Laura

Janke says the increase was unavoidable, caused in large part by wage increases, new provincial regulations, frozen property tax assessments, and a lack of new growth and development in the area.

"The county had just under one per cent growth, whether it be new construction or new industry. That is really low," says Janke. "It's hard to come up with

new programs or do new things without growth, because you're always going back to the same taxpayers if you need an increase in funds for anything.

"We knew going into the budget that we weren't going to be able to hold the line on taxes," she adds. "We were just waiting to see how much money we were going to get from the province, to see

how much we could control that increase."

Janke says that at the eleventh hour the province came through with \$1.2 million which subsidized a number of projects and alleviated the burden on the municipality. Still, in 2007 the county has to raise \$9.6 million to cover all of its costs,

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Small hands create big feat in Wilberforce

LAURA HENDRICK

Staff Reporter

The small hands of Barb Davies' kindergarten class have successfully decorated 25 feet of the Lloyd Watson Centre through a mass finger painting project. With the help of artist Gary Blundell, the children from Wilberforce Elementary School covered the paper canvas with handprints, stars and long streaks of colour.

"They got all astrological on me," said Blundell, who

expected the students primarily to smear the paint around. Instead, many began making shapes, and others started to experiment with different tools. One child used flicks of his paintbrush to speckle the paper with colour. Another used the pie plate he had been given to create circles of red and blue.

"It's the hanging of our masterpiece," said Davies proudly as she watched each paper section mounted. About six parents attended the event, many of whom were seeing the piece for the first time.

"I think it's gorgeous," said Lisa Lampman, whose daughter Brittany never lost sight of the area she'd painted as it was being moved around. But Lampman acknowledged that Brittany's love for painting still takes a backseat to drumming.

The kids have been learning to drum with musician Barry Hayward as part of an Artists in the Schools pro-

gram. Hayward accompanied the children to the art-hanging demonstration, forming a drumming circle while the painting was mounted.

The activity kept their young hands busy, and added a ceremonial tone to the morning that began on the steps of the school. As the students walked from class to the community centre, they marched in a line banging boomwackers together. When the piece was laid out on the floor, they reverted back to the line and marched energetically around it.

The piece was barely created in time. Evan Cachia had been home sick when painting took place a week earlier. On this Monday morning, he created the final section of the mural, which was eventually placed in the centre. It was still wet as it hung from the walls, with colours matching the splashes on Evan's sweater and skin.

"Oh, I didn't wash them," he said looking down at his hands. When asked about the project, he replied: "I love to play in the snow, watch movies and I love to finger paint."

Davies' kindergarten class is not the only group that gets to make music and paintings with local artists. Hayward and Blundell jump from class to class in Wilberforce Elementary School, ensuring that all children have the chance to express themselves creatively.

Blundell hopes this early start will help shape the future artists of Haliburton County.

"A huge part of being an artist isn't talent, it's practice," he said.

Once the mural was assembled, the children stood in front of it for a moment, then practised their drumming all the way out the door.

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A ray of hope for terminal patients

Hospice volunteer Eleanor Cooper has a 'wonderful capacity for loving'

GREG HOEKSTRA

Staff Reporter

For good reason, Eleanor and Earl Cooper consider themselves to be "community-minded" people. After all, both are involved with a number of social activities in the Highlands, and both have found their own ways of giving back to those around them.

Earl, for example, is known county-wide for his skills as piper, while his wife Eleanor sings in the St. George's choir, plays clarinet in the Highlands Concert Band, and writes the Echo's weekly West Guilford news column. In addition to that, however, Eleanor also serves a more somber purpose in this community – acting as a friend and companion for those recently diagnosed with a terminal illness.

As a volunteer hospice worker for the past decade, Cooper says she has made – and lost – a number of good friends over the years. Of course, such is the nature of the work that she does, so being prepared for the inevitable is a prerequisite of sorts.

Recently Cooper was recognized by the SIRCH hospice team for her unwavering devotion to the program, alongside fellow volunteer Glen Flood of Minden. Both have dedicated ten years of service to the program – which only started in Haliburton County in 1995 – making them two of the longest-serving volunteers still active in Hospice work.

For Eleanor, it all began more than ten years ago when she noticed an advertisement pinned to the church bulletin board.

"I just thought it would be an interesting thing to do, and at the time I wasn't too busy, so I went for an interview," she says.

After learning more about the sensitive nature of hospice work through training sessions provided by SIRCH, Cooper began to meet with her first-ever client – a terminally ill man living not too far from her West Guilford home. Looking back on it now, she remembers how difficult it was to work with that first patient and his wife; to not only help them come to terms with their own illness and mortality, but to also feel as though she was making any sort of difference in their painful lives.

"At first, I felt like I really wasn't doing a great deal for the couple," says Cooper. "That first client was a little difficult, but the thing that eventually made it easy was listening to his wife and understanding that it meant something to her to have me visit."

Cooper says that since that initial client there have been at least two more incidents where she has primarily gone to visit with a husband who is dying, but then has also worked with the partner, to see them through bereavement and mourning.

When asked to explain exactly what she does as a hospice worker, Cooper keeps her answers short and straightforward.

"Mostly you just talk and listen," she says, in a matter-of-fact manner that makes one feel foolish for even asking. Of

course, knowing what to say to a patient facing death is not always the easiest of tasks, but Cooper says there are some subjects that will generally soften the mood and warm the spirit, which is ultimately her goal.

"I find that when I ask them about their own families it really gets the conversation going. And when I ask them where they grew up, or what they liked to do when they were a child, something like that tends to bring a good response," she says.

Likewise, Cooper says that on occasion she has been able to provide some sort of physical support to her clients. For example, once she spent an afternoon outside with a client, helping her to plant a garden. Whatever support is necessary, she says.

One of the key rules of hospice work is that you can never accept gifts from your clients, Cooper says, but she also notes that it is "okay to accept hospitality." And with every visit to her client's homes, Cooper is welcomed with open arms, and treated as though she were royalty.

"I guess in a way it's good for the ego, because they always seem so happy to see you," she muses.

However, when working in any field so closely tied in with death, there are always going to be difficult moments that pluck the heart strings and test one's resolve. Cooper says that generally she can overcome such feelings and stay focused on her work's purpose, but admits that there have been times when a client's situation has left her shaken up too.

"I think the reason that my first client was so difficult is because I knew that he was dying, and that he didn't get along with any of his family, nor did he want them to come and visit him," she says. "That was really difficult for me to understand, because I had grown up in a wonderfully loving family, and I just expect that's the way it should be."

As a general rule, Cooper says that hospice workers try to keep their volunteer work separate from their personal lives, but again she admits that there have been times when she can't stop thinking about a client while sitting at home during her down time.

And what makes it both easier and harder is the fact that, living in a small community, Cooper has had to work one-on-one with clients who she already knew and had a relationship with beforehand.

"At times, I think it actually makes it easier," she says. At least, easier for the clients, who take comfort in dealing with someone they already know. In fact, over the years clients have actually requested Cooper as their case worker, though she is modest and doesn't necessarily like to admit to it.

Instead, Cooper chalks up the success she has had as a hospice worker to strong backing from the program's co-ordinators, Linda May-Powers and Dorothy Owens. While it's Cooper's job to support her clients, May-Powers and Owens are behind the scenes, supporting her in turn,



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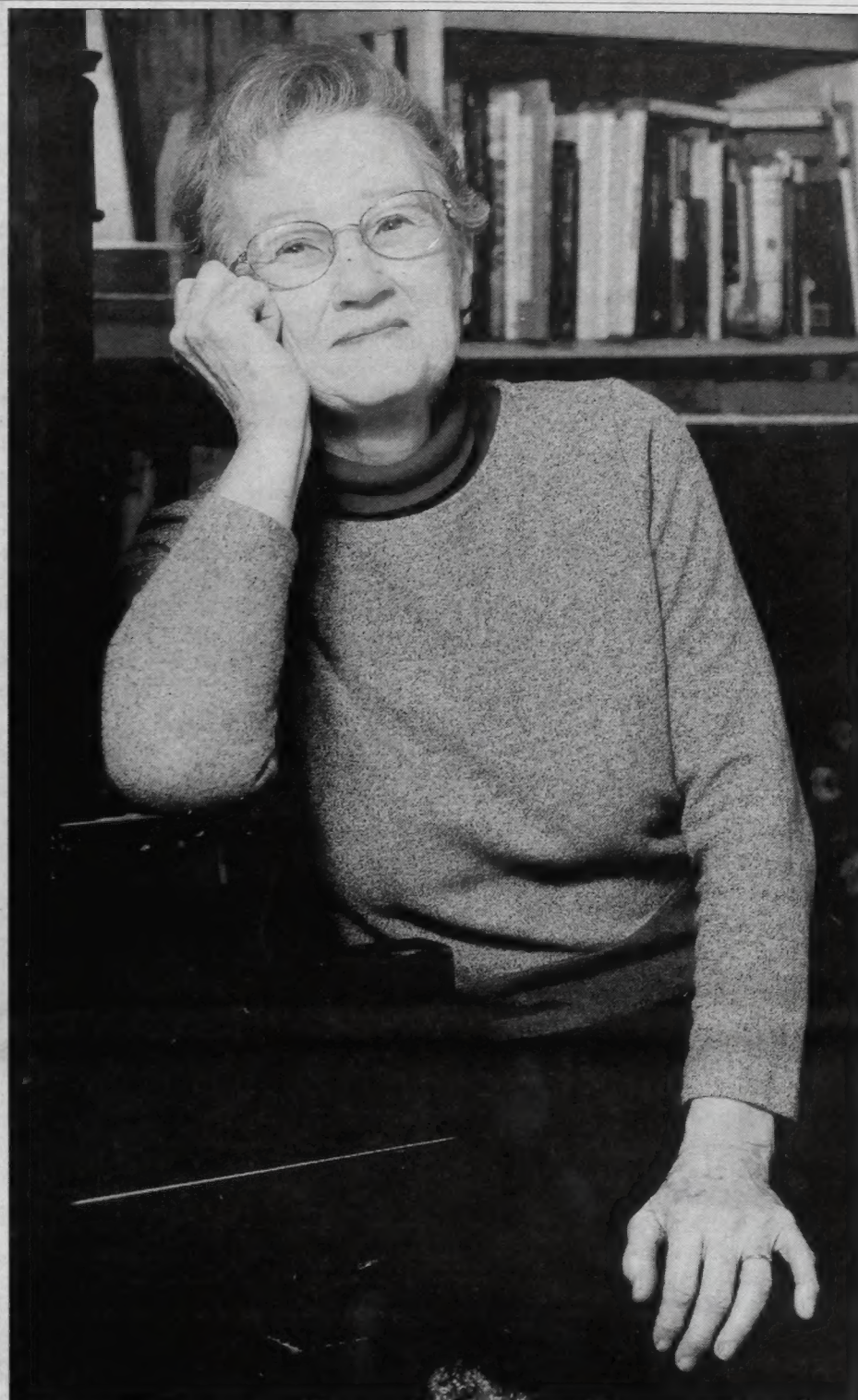
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For the past ten years Eleanor Cooper has volunteered countless hours as a hospice worker, lending emotional support to individuals with life-threatening illnesses.

she says.

"The co-ordinators are so supportive. They phone at least once a month to see how things are going, and I really appreciate that."

Both May-Powers and Owens had nothing but the kindest words to say about both Cooper and Flood, two of only three hospice volunteers to have reached the ten-year milestone. And due to the sometimes-solemn nature of the work, Owens says that it takes a special kind of person to give so much support over an extended period of time.

"It's a remarkable thing to do this for that amount of time. The amount of people's lives that is affected is multiplied by more than just their clients, but by the family members who are encouraged and supported as well," says Owens. "As co-ordinators we just know that their clients are getting the best that they have to give [when dealing with Eleanor or Glen]."

"And that's important, because hospice couldn't work without our volunteers," adds May-Powers. "They give because they want to."

The desire to give is something that Eleanor's husband, Earl, can confirm. He says he's seen that quality in her since the two first met 50 years ago while she was teaching in West Guilford and he drove the school bus.

"I don't think hospice has changed her much. She was always just that kind of person, which is why she started doing it," he says.

"And what did you tell me when we were only just courting?" quips Eleanor, answering her own question before he can respond. "You have a wonderful capacity for loving," she coos. "And I've always treasured that."

The SIRCH community hospice program provides a variety of programs and services to individuals with life-threatening illnesses, families of palliative clients, individuals and families affected by Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, and to those who are grieving or bereaved. Community hospice offers one-to-one in-home support, group support, community counselling, and educational events. For more information on the hospice program, please contact SIRCH Community Services & Counselling at (705) 457-1742, or online at <http://www.sirch.on.ca/>.

Also, one final reminder that the annual SIRCH Hike for Hospice fundraiser is set to take place this Sunday, May 6. Registration starts at 12:30 p.m. at Sir Sandford Fleming College in the Great Hall and the hike kicks off at 1:30 p.m. There will be other fun activities, too, including draws, entertainment and refreshments. For more information please contact Marilyn Rydberg, Hike Co-ordinator at 754-9667.

Taxpayers are last resort to make up shortfalls

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and higher taxes are seen as the only way to do so.

"A lot of it was things beyond our control. They were things we can't control the costs of, and so we had to ask for more money from the taxpayers because we have nowhere else to go...we only get so much money from the province," says Janke.

"For social services and housing, for example, we basically just get a bill from the City of Kawartha Lakes. We don't really have any control over that, but that's going to hit our taxpayers with \$190,000 right there. That's two per cent of the increase, and there's not very much we can do about that."

Janke says that roughly \$90,000 of expenses equals a one per cent increase over the 2006 budget, which means the county has to raise approximately \$540,000 more than was raised last year. In 2007, residential ratepayers will pay \$196.54 to the county for every \$100,000 worth of property, while commercial businesses will have to pay \$291.42.

However, despite the looming increase, Janke says Haliburton County still has a favourable tax rate compared to many of its counterparts across the province. In a recent study comparing Haliburton to neighbouring counties in both Eastern and Western Ontario, Haliburton County had the lowest tax rate.

"Haliburton County has always had a low tax rate, and I credit that to the politicians who are continually keeping an eye on things," says Janke. "They scrutinize things and are very careful – they look over the invoices and are very careful, so there aren't a lot of fat consultants' bills or anything like that going on. We're a small municipality, and we've managed to stay small."

County council also had some tough decisions to make regarding requests for funding from external agencies. For 2007, a number of organizations had requested financial support, totalling more than \$120,000, but because of a strain on available cash, the county had to cap funding for external agencies at \$70,000 for the second year running.

In 2007, council will give \$5,000 to the Haliburton-Muskoka Children's Water Festival, \$5,000 to the U-Links Centre for Community-based Research, \$10,000 to the Haliburton/Stanhope Municipal Airport (for paving airport taxiways), \$10,000 to the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association (for environmental programs and the expansion of the fish hatchery), and \$40,000 to the Trails and Tours network.

The Haliburton Highlands Arts Council was denied its request for \$15,000, as was the Haliburton Highlands Cycling Coalition (who requested \$1,300) and the Haliburton ATV Association (who had asked for \$4,000 in 2007 and long-term funding for marketing purposes). One department that received a shot in the arm in the

2007 budget was the Emergency Medical Service (EMS), which was required to increase staff and management to meet provincial regulations.

"Once again, that was really out of our control," says Janke. "The province gives us 50 per cent of the funding [for EMS], but they also dictate what has to happen here. We had to really boost our EMS management staff this year. Bob English used to do it single-handedly, but those days are gone."

In addition to more staff and wage increases, additional money was also designated for the EMS department to pay for the expansion of the ambulatory base in Haliburton.

Despite the fact that the county is asking for 6.3 per cent more in taxes, that doesn't necessarily mean that all taxpayers will see an overall increase of 6.3 per cent on their next tax bill, says Janke.

"It doesn't mean a 6.3 per cent increase for everyone, because it's just one share of the pie," she says.

With the county budget now passed, the four individual municipalities that make up Haliburton County will now finalize their budgets in the coming weeks, which will then determine how much of an increase taxpayers will be hit with. In Algonquin Highlands, for example, municipal staff have been predicting as low as a three per cent increase, whereas that number has been as high as 15 to 16 per cent in the Municipality of Dysart et al.

Because MPAC has frozen all property tax assessments until 2009, Janke says the county may be in a similar position next year if there continues to be such minimal

growth. However, because there is a provincial election on the horizon, she says the county can't really predict what 2008 will look like, because the situation could change dramatically, for better or for worse.

"We don't know what government's going to get in, or what policies they are going to implement. We're so tied to the provincial government on so many things, from land ambulance to social services, and there's funding that goes with all of that," she says.

Nevertheless, the county will have to start thinking of some major projects that need to be undertaken in the coming years, including some significant work on roads projects.

"Our roads needs are so high...some of our roads are deteriorating," she says. "If we carry on with some of those roads projects and don't get funding from the other levels of government then we might be in a lot worse situation next year."

Janke admits she was lobbying county council to increase the budget by 6.9 per cent, so that additional money could be put away in reserves, but says the councillors "whittled it down" to a 6.3 per cent increase, so as not to hit taxpayers with too much at once.

"I think council is being very cautious by not raising taxes too much for next year," she says.

"I think our local politicians like to say, 'Yeah, we could try to crystal ball it, but no one really knows what next year will be like.' This fiscal gap that we're always talking about, well, maybe next year the federal government will come to the table; who knows?"



Ramble on

Highlands piper Earl Cooper leads "family ramblers" on their way to Haliburton's heritage Rail Trail. Walkers braved the chilly weather Saturday to follow the once busy (and noisy) path. After returning to the Rails End Gallery and Art Centre, walkers relaxed while watching a video called "Old Rails, Remembered Tales," which features Haliburton residents recounting stories from the days when trains used the rails. Charlie Tyler, for instance, took part in placing the landmark locomotive near HHSS. He and four others detached a section of the tracks and pushed them over with a bulldozer. After bolting them down, they used the bulldozer to push the engine where it now sits. Finally, they reconnected the rails to the main track. "Now the locomotive sits there very proudly," said Tyler, 87. Left to right: Eleanor Copper, Earl Cooper, Pamela Marsales, Maija Stone, Emily Alexander, June Dejong, Irene Alexander



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New bylaw shortens landfill approval time

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Staff Reporter

In the next five years, Highlands East will run out of places to dump its waste. According to a presentation made by Cambium Environmental last week, there may not even be enough time to develop a sizable landfill to take its place. Instead, Dave Cambium recommended that council take advantage of a new bylaw that allows midsize landfills to be approved at a speedier pace.

"The trigger for an environmental assessment used to be 40,000 cubed metres but now it's 100,000," explained Cambium. "That's a significant step. There's great potential to shorten that time. It will save about a year and a half."

The environmental assessment that was required in the past for most landfills took three to five years to complete. With this hurdle in place, it is doubtful that Highlands East could create an alternative to its current waste sites before each one reached capacity.

Instead of an environmental assessment, upcoming sites with under 100,000 cubed metre capacity would now undergo a much shorter environmental screening. This process tends to focus on one proposed idea, rather than considering several waste options at the same time and gradually coming to a solution.

"With an environmental screening, you look at what would be best suited and narrow in on that right away," said Cambium.

But some councillors questioned whether the municipality was capable of identifying the best choice from the outset.



Highlands East will run out of landfill space in the next five years, not leaving enough time to develop a landfill site to take its place. A consultant recommended that Highlands East could take advantage of a new bylaw shortening approval time in order to meet its future landfill needs.

"Nothing's obvious," said Suzanne Partridge, noting that she wanted to do whatever was best for the long term. "It sounds like this sets it up so that council can just say: 'Okay, we've made up our minds' and tell the public what we're doing."

Cambium assured her that the public, along with the Ministry of the Environment, would still play a significant role in the decision. Even with the help of the new regulation, council members were visibly upset by the urgency of the situation.

"We waited long enough, didn't we?" said councillor Gary Stroughton. "When we amalgamated we were told we had 25 years. Makes you wonder why we amalgamated."

Reeve Dave Burton acknowledged that council had been misled by those numbers and advised members to face the current landscape on waste.

During that same meeting, the budget was reviewed. With roads like Tamarack and Conteau Lake waiting on gas taxes for any hope of reparation, and council already talking about dipping into reserves to meet other expenses, it was clear that Highlands East has little room to pay for new landfill sites.

Cambium responded to the room of blank expressions by offering a few other alternatives.

"We could do nothing – run it into the ground," he said. "We could also export waste outside the municipality."

He pointed out that Algonquin Highlands, Minden Hills, and Haliburton Village are all facing much brighter futures in waste management. However, he noted that it is difficult to say whether these municipalities would open their doors for another's garbage.

Before ending his presentation, Cambium discussed buying a D8 or D9 dozer that could compress current landfill sites. This technique has had a disappointing track record in the past, but he said the prospect was worth exploring.

"There's potential to get another 50 per cent through that because landfills haven't been compacted very well historically."

Rather than asking the public for more tax dollars, Partridge seemed more interested in asking them to help out.

"So many people out there are passionate," she said, putting forth the idea of a public waste management program that focuses on recycling.

As the presentation wrapped up, council showed little support for any of the options that were put forth. They agreed that a cost benefit analysis would likely be necessary before any decision is made.

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'Not political'

IT SEEMS AS THOUGH every week there is a new development in the Irondale asphalt plant saga. To date, the storyline has had more twists and turns than Glamorgan Road, and the residents of Highlands East – both pro- and anti-asphalt – are on the edge of their seats watching the plot bubble and thicken.

Last week, the *Echo* threw our new summer reporter, Laura Hendrick, smack-dab in the middle of the heated controversy. We asked her to interview Cathy Logan, one of the leading voices against the proposed asphalt plant, and we also asked her to check in with regional MPP Laurie Scott, to see if our provincial representative was sympathetic to any of the concerns raised by her constituents.

Getting Scott to comment on the Irondale asphalt debate proved to be a difficult task. An interview request was first made by e-mail on April 9, and in the following weeks a series of telephone calls began.

No one here is doubting that, as a member of provincial parliament, Scott has a busy and demanding schedule. With that in mind, her elusiveness is almost understandable, except for one small detail.

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editorial

greg hoekstra

At the same time that Laura was calling Scott's office, our second new reporter, Neil Judson, was also trying to secure an interview on the topic of electoral reform. Within two hours, Neil's call was returned by Scott herself, while Laura had to settle for speaking with Scott's executive assistant, Ray Dykstra, 15 days after the first interview request was made.

It's easy to understand why Scott was so eager to pass the buck on the asphalt plant. It's a hot-button issue, and one that has the potential to cost her votes in the upcoming provincial election. What's not easy to understand, however, is Dykstra's reasoning that the proposed asphalt plant is an issue that is "not political."

Truth be told, any issue that has constituents up in arms is political in nature. As an elected official, it's Scott's mandate to listen to those concerns and, if necessary, bring them to the political arena on behalf of those that she represents.

In Highlands East, several municipal councillors were nearly run out of town after they pledged their support for the proposed asphalt plant. Oddly enough, the municipality has little to no say in the matter, since the proposed plant would be on Crown Land near the Bark Lake quarry – not municipal property.

The decision to approve or deny the asphalt plant application lies in the hands of Ontario's Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR). Seeing that the decision will be made by a provincial ministry, how is the issue "not political" for Haliburton County's provincial representative? (Let alone the fact that publicly-owned Crown Land is at stake).

Along the same lines, how can Scott turn a blind eye to environmental concerns within her own riding when she is the official opposition's critic for the Ministry of the Environment?

The fact that Kingston Beamish – proponent of the asphalt plant – is a financial contributor to Scott's Conservative Party is also something to take into consideration. On the one hand, the donation is small – a mere \$500, which doesn't go a long way in the world of political campaigning – but, on the other hand, it's notable, since no similar donation was made to the Liberal party. Is our MPP in any position to criticize a company that supports her party financially?

It's often said that politics is the art of saying a lot, without saying anything meaningful. In the case of Laurie Scott, it seems ratepayers can't even get that much out of her.

By avoiding calls from the media and by deeming the asphalt plant to be "not political," Scott is doing a poor job of representing her constituents in Highlands East. Refusing to take sides is one thing, but refusing to engage in dialogue is another.

The residents of this county deserve more than that.



One-two-three, one-two-three.

Photo by JESSICA YOUNG/ECHO

Spring has sprung in Haliburton

IT'S AN AMAZING FEAT OF NATURE. It seems to have some kind of magnetic pull that clears the air, heals the body and soothes the mind. It's a wonder drug so powerful that only nature could have concocted it. And you can find it everywhere.

You can dig it up with a garden fork. Take it by the pailful out of lakes and rivers. It can be gathered by the roadside and in the woods. It can even be found in big cities, believe it or not.

We know it as spring, and it has finally, after much delay, sprung here in Haliburton. I don't mind going out on a limb at this point – I'm sure it's here to stay since I just lost a dollar on the Leaving-of-the-Ice-On-Mountain-Lake Derby, to my neighbour, Nancy, who correctly predicted Saturday, April 21; and it left precisely on that date.

Another indicator that the winter has finally been defeated is the number of nifty convertibles rolling around with their tops down. Also the braver and keener gardeners sporting shorts and T-shirts have begun preliminary shuffling in the gardens in anticipation of spring's flowerings and crocuses crocoring. Of course, the race to the perfect rose garden began as soon as it was possible to get a spade into the thawing earth. Rose gardens are serious business and should not be taken lightly. Also, do not offer advice to a rose gardener. They don't want or need it. The proof of the garden is in the viewing, and it will become obvious who is the champion rose gardener, come summer.

As for healing the body, it has everything to do with the sun's warming rays. Everyone, and I mean everyone, becomes healed of what

ailed them during winter. Even kids are energized, if that is possible. They walk more.

They ride their bikes again.

They never walk when it is possible to run. This is the power of spring's medicine.

Adults are recharged and start wandering through the forest and over hill and dale on foot, since they're no longer hindered by the withering arctic blast and two feet of snow. Baseball games erupt out of nowhere. Tossing the old pill around begins in earnest. The Leafs are long gone and the hockey playoffs are in full swing. Luckily for Toronto

sports fans, we have the Blue Jays to look forward to and, amazingly, the Raptors who are starting to look like a contender. Also, there is now a Toronto soccer team if anyone is interested.

As for the healing of the mind, let me count the ways. We don't hate morning any more. The sun greets us warmly and helps us get into gear for the day. We can open the door and take our coffee outside without ice forming on the top. The ground is not only snow-free, it's beginning to dry into the friendly, mud-free, welcoming landscape that you originally put in place when you first moved in. Last year's stubbornly remaining oak leaves are finally ejected and give way to the new green issue, which adds some closure to our newly developing peace of mind. Most of all, everything gets a new start. Things start growing again. Spring never fails to provide us with new energy; new optimism; new hope; and, often, new highways.

Did you ever wonder how people who live in Florida get motivated at this time of year?



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Dead languages

I THINK WE CAN ALL CONCEDE that Latin is a dead language. Many native languages have also perished or are now in danger. Make no mistake: the advent of rap as well as e-mail emoticons isn't exactly helping the English language either. And, next door in Quebec, they are so afraid of the demise of Quebecois that they have decided to protect it with unreasonable, discriminatory laws – and loose Celine Dion upon an unsuspecting world.

With this in mind, I think you will be pleased to hear that Pig Latin is alive and well in the Greater Wilberforce Area. Good news indeed.

I don't have the travel bug, so I haven't spent much time in Wilberforce lately, but my daughter tells me that Pig Latin is all the rage in Wilberforce's world-renowned centre of higher learning – also known as the Wilberforce Elementary School. This, and the new fire hydrant, make Wilberforce one of the most progressive cultural centres in this county. West Guilford can

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make all the claims they want, but I think the record speaks for itself.

Apparently, Pig Latin is now being practised regularly by Wilberforce's Grade 5 and 6 students – and Stan in Grade 4. And thus the hopes of the Pig Latin-speaking world remain aloft.

On a personal note, I can't tell you how thrilled I am. Pig Latin was the language of my youth. It was the tongue we used whenever teachers approached too closely in the school yard. It was the language we reverted to whenever someone's underwear was showing. You can't put a value on that sort of thing.

Contrary to popular belief, however, Pig Latin was not invented by highly intelligent swine in the Middle Ages. No, it is a language that was developed in the 1800s by people who had far too much time on their hands – I believe it might have been the result of prolonged cabin fever or excessive recreational trepanning. Like all enduring art, the reason for its original creation is still unclear. I'm hoping, by the way, that you'll be saying the same thing about this column when you've finished reading it.

It is interesting to note that there is very little Latin in the language at all. Nor is there any sound in it that resembles the noises pigs generally make. Yes, the language is not perfect.

One fatal flaw is that, though it was developed to be a secret language for children, it's fairly obvious and easy to figure out. Anyone with half a brain can learn conversational Pig Latin in two minutes. Heck, I learned it in four.

This fatal flaw got me into trouble many times as a kid. Once, when I called a teacher irritating-yay and annoying-yay, she somehow picked up on it immediately, even though she assured me that she had never studied the language. In fact, she got real angry-yay at me and if I recall correctly I faced a week of etention-days.

I found this ease of use to be disappointing since, up to that time, I had harboured dreams of working at the United Nations as a Senior Pig Latin interpreter. As I learned by day five of my detention, however, there is no call for this.

That's why I sat down with my daughter and had a long talk about appreciating this beautiful language for its own sake. I didn't want her to face the same harsh realities that I did. So, I reminded her that although Pig Latin is sheer poetry to hear – almost Shakespearian in its melody – it also has its dangers.

Still, I am glad to learn that the language still flourishes in much of central Ontario. So much so that I am calling upon this newspaper and other publications to have a special Pig Latin edition so that it never dies. I don't think this is too much to ask.

And why not a Pig Latin Shakespearian festival right here in town? Suddenly, "To be or not to be" rises above the ordinary and becomes "Otay ebay orway otnay otay ebay". I think you'll agree it is as if the angels themselves spoke.

Am I the only one who sees the potential advantage of this? Wilberforce is the geo-caching capital of the world. Bancroft is the mineral capital of Ontario. Why couldn't Haliburton become the international centre for Pig Latin studies?

This would attract the brightest minds in Pig Latindom. We could translate the classics into a language that our kids could relate to. We might even become bilingual and cash in on federal funds.

It's just a dream right now. But we could make it come true. Heck, I just happen to know an interpreter who's got nothing to do.



pic of the past

Is this really a Pic of the Past? If you ignored the year of the truck, you could almost see this scene again today. Our thanks to Grace Boice of Haliburton for sharing this photo of two logging trucks making their way to the mills from the Eagle Lake area.

letters to the editor

Leave Gooderham post office alone

To the Editor:

Re: Closing of the Gooderham Post Office

When Glamorgan Township amalgamated with Bicroft, Cardiff and Monmouth Townships in 2000 we had \$100,000.00 in our landfill reserve, \$50,000.00 in our equipment reserve, we had funds in our fire reserve as well as our recreation reserve and \$200,000.00 in a working reserve fund. In addition to these dollars I have in my possession a photocopy of the very last cheque written by Glamorgan Township in the amount of \$25,000.00 payable to the Municipality of Highlands East. This represented the cash on hand at the time of amalgamation. The cheque was signed by Glen Madill – Clerk-Treasurer and myself as Reeve.

These amounts contrast sharply with Monmouth who had almost no money at the time of amalgamation. The Clerk-Treasurer told me that they had spent their money on infrastructure? Now we have a couple of newbies on council who want to change the world by closing our Post Office vs.

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Playing ball as important as parking

To the Editor:

We have just enjoyed a beautiful spring weekend and also Earth Day.

On Sunday the 22nd we watched several people celebrating by enjoying the benefits of physical activity and batting some balls around for a few hours on the Haliburton baseball diamond.

Saturday a different group did the same and, as well on Friday evening, also a different group. Yet we hear the ball diamond may be removed and paved over for a parking lot.

There is encouragement these days for us to be more physically active and also to have more "green space," not less. If the ball diamond is moved out of town it won't be as easy for young people to get to. Will there be the same spontaneous "pick-up" games organized if one has to drive several kilometers to get to the field? We don't think so. We drive past the Lochlin ball field all the time and have never seen anyone using it.

Apparently the parking is needed for the arena and the curling club.

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Boonieville

by Charlie Teljeur





Spring melody

The Highlands Wind Symphony held their annual spring concert at the Northern Lights Pavilion this past Sunday, treating those in attendance to a wide assortment of jazz and swing numbers.

Above, Glen Carter welcomes the crowd, and at top right he conducts the orchestra during a performance of Chuck Mangione's "Bellavia."

At right, Lorie Reddering guides the musicians through the "Crimebusters" medley, and at far right, Dave Hawley plays the clarinet during "Moonlight Serenade," a piece he arranged personally.

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Driving responsibly in the outdoors

(MF) — Exploring the great outdoors is a year-round pastime, from hiking and biking to off-roading and extreme sports. The popularity of sport-utility vehicles, all-terrain vehicles and trucks shows how much consumers crave an adventurous lifestyle. But unless it's done responsibly, four-wheeling could have a damaging effect on the environment.

When driving off the highways and main roads, it's important to take extra precautions. Remembering a few practical tips can help make the trip enjoyable while minimizing any impact on surrounding areas.

- Plan and prepare a route that is safe, legal and within the limitations of your vehicle. Local agencies like the Forest Service, National Park Service, or Bureau of Land Management should have information on off-highway vehicle trails near you.

- Stay on designated roads and trails. Drivers should only use trails designated for off-highway vehicle use and should never make their own shortcuts or trails. Private land should only be crossed with the owner's permission.

- Make sure to drive in the middle when on the trail.

You'll avoid widening the lane and destroying vegetation along the roadside. If possible, also avoid driving through mud or soft soil.

- Drive over fallen trees or other obstacles at an angle, one wheel at a time. Driving around them can destroy vegetation surrounding the trail, so sometimes it's best to either move the object or drive over it.

- If you must cross a stream, do so slowly at a 90-degree angle, and only at trail fording points, where the trail usually crosses the water.

The national nonprofit organization Tread Lightly! has developed a variety of educational materials to encourage responsible four-wheeling, mountain biking, ATV riding, sand duning,

personal watercraft use, snowmobiling and off-highway motorcycling.

Outdoor enthusiasts, educators, and other interested people can also sign up for the Tread Trainer program, a short training course, sponsored by the Ford Motor Company Fund and the Federal Highway Administration, that prepares volunteers to spread the message of responsible recreation.

Spending time outdoors offers a great escape from the daily grind. When you're ready to head back to the everyday world, remember to pick up any trash you see. By leaving an area better than you found it, you help ensure other adventurers enjoy a similar oasis.

On the Net: Tread Lightly! site: www.treadlightly.org.



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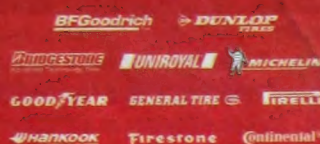
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Check out the car, before you write the check

(MS) — This spring or summer, if you plan to buy a pre-owned car from a dealer or from an individual, you should consider paying an independent mechanic to examine the vehicle.

This procedure takes just a couple of hours, will cost about \$100 or less, and could save you thousands of dollars in repair costs.

But, before you drive the car to your neighborhood technician or call in a mobile inspection service to go to the dealership, spend 15 minutes doing your own preliminary inspection.

Check for:

Mileage — According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the average annual mileage for a used passenger car should be about 12,500, and 14,000 miles for a light truck.

Paint — Check around the tailpipe, molding, wheel wells and windows for overspray indicating the car has been repainted.

Body damage — Check where the body panels meet. Severe misalignment indicates crash work. Sight down the contours of the body panels. Ripples indicate bodywork.

Leaks — Look under the car. There are no normal "leaks," other than water from the A/C condenser. Open the hood and look for coolant leaks at the water pump and at the hose connections.

Tires — Examine the tread wear.

Uneven wear is a clue that the front end needs alignment.

Rust — Inspect the exterior for rust. Body repair work and parts replacement may be required.

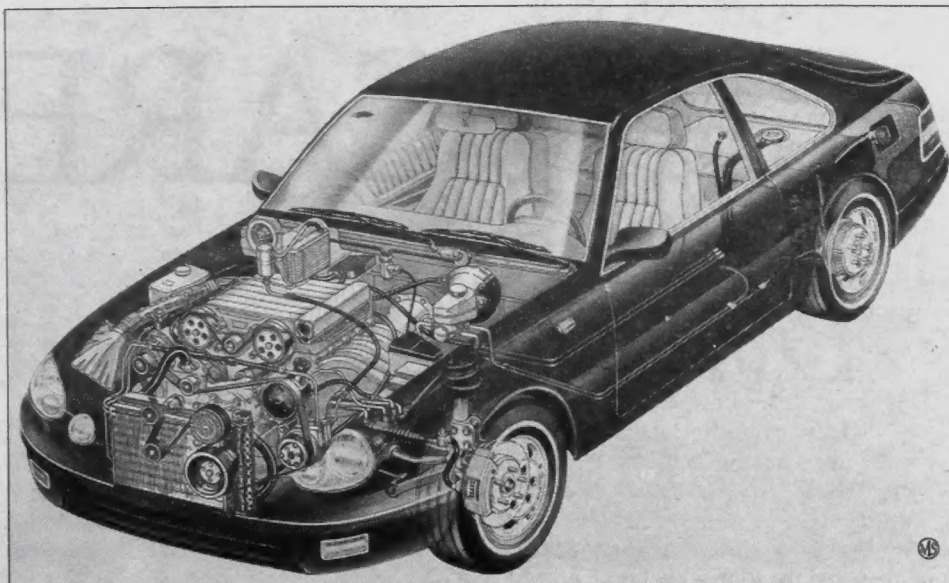
Shocks — Check the shock absorbers by bouncing each corner of the car. Good shocks will not bounce more than twice after you let go.

Interior — Check the entire interior. Reasonable wear is expected, but be suspicious of new seat covers on sagging seats, new pedal pads and worn armrests. These indicate an attempt to cover up hard use. Look for water leaks or flooding, new welds that indicate recent crash work and missing hardware. Check for proper operation of all lights and signals, climate controls and entertainment equipment.

Hoses, belts — Check all belts and hoses for wear. According to Gates Corporation engineers, upper and lower coolant hoses should be replaced every four years, serpentine drive belts should not have excessive cracks on the V-grooves, and the timing belt should have been replaced if the car has 65,000 miles or more.

Battery terminals — A low electrolyte level, corroded terminals, and/or cracked case indicate a lack of maintenance.

Radiator/coolant — Look for corrosion or rust around the radiator, signifying a leak at the metal tube connectors or at the hose clamps. Rust-colored coolant indi-



During your pre-purchase inspection, check the overall appearance of the engine and the condition of the cooling system belts and hoses, say Gates Corporation engineers.

cates a lack of maintenance.

Air filter — A dirty air filter usually means a lack of preventive maintenance.

Ignition wires — Check the ignition wires for cracks, burned spots, or wear. Worn wires will have to be replaced.

Oil level — If the oil level is low, the engine is probably burning oil. Beware of water in the oil (cracked block), excessively thick oil (used to quiet a noisy engine), or thin, dirty oil with a distinct gasoline smell (internal problems in the engine).

Automatic transmission — Pull the automatic transmission dipstick out when the engine is running. The level should read "Full," and the fluid should be clear and bright red. Dark brown or black fluid, or fluid that has a distinct burnt odor, signals a transmission in need of repair or overhaul.

Exhaust — If visible, check the color of the exhaust smoke. Blue smoke indicates worn rings; black smoke can indicate burnt valves or that a tune-up is needed.

Listen, look for engine belt problems

(MS) — Unless your car is a vintage model, the engine most likely has a serpentine belt drive.

On many engines, a serpentine belt powers several accessories, such as the air conditioner compressor, water and

power steering pumps, fan, and even the booster for the braking system.

Gates Corporation engineers say it's definitely worth having the serpentine drive belt system checked periodically. If it fails, the engine will overheat, and

worse, the car won't run.

The situation could leave you stranded on a highway or busy metropolitan street waiting for a costly tow to a local repair shop.

Listen for signs of impending belt failure. A squealing noise when the car accelerates means the belt is slipping and is not efficiently turning the drive accessories. The belt tensioner also could be worn and in need of immediate replacement.

Look for excessive cracks in the belt's V-ribs, and chunks that have broken off the ribs.

Gates engineers say, however, visual appearance is not a reliable indicator of the expected service life of a belt. They recommend replacing the serpentine belt every four years.

Ask your technician to check both the belt and the tensioner while the car is being serviced this spring.



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Proper tire care helps keep your vehicle rolling

(MF) — Experts say poor maintenance of a vehicle's tires is a risk no motorist can afford. GM Goodwrench is reminding drivers of the importance of maintaining their tires to help avoid uneven wear, poor performance — or even blowouts, which may result in loss of control of the vehicle.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates tire failures or blowouts contribute to more than 400 deaths and 10,000 injuries in the U.S. each year. Yet, statistics show that some drivers don't follow the basic tire maintenance guidelines that can help prevent tire failures. According to the Car Care Council, 26 percent of the vehicles inspected at checkpoints during Car Care Month 2004 had low air pressure in one or more tires.

Underinflation is the leading cause of tire failure, according to the Rubber Manufacturers Association. Under-inflation or overloading creates excessive stresses and heat, and can lead to tire failure and a crash.

Changes in outdoor temperature can affect the rate at which a tire loses air. Typically, a tire loses one to two pounds of pressure per month, and even more in

warm weather.

To help avoid underinflation, the Rubber Manufacturers Association recommends checking the air pressure in your tires at least once a month and before every long trip. Tires must be checked when they are cold — that is, before they have run for one mile. Experts also say you should never "bleed" or reduce air pressure when tires are hot — it's normal for pressure to build up as a result of driving.

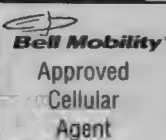
If your tire sustains a blowout while you are driving, don't slam on your brakes — that can cause your car to swerve in the direction of the blowout. Instead, gently apply the brakes to regain control and slowly guide the vehicle to a safe area away from the road.

Drivers can help prevent potential tire failures with expert advice and service from their dealership. GM Goodwrench encourages consumers to visit their local dealership for an inspection to ensure that their vehicle is up-to-date on its maintenance needs. The inspections can point out items needing service to help a vehicle run better, last longer, retain its value and provide optimal safety and security.



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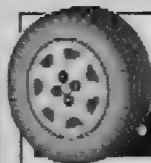
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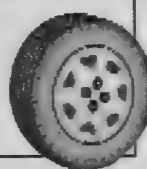
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MNR must weigh interests of all parties concerned

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Having waded through pages of policy, Logan still feels the issue is simple. She said the plant would threaten the very reason people come to the Highlands. "Nobody will want to sit outside with the smell of an asphalt plant... This is where people come to breathe fresh air."

But it is also a place people come to extract aggregates. The rock outcrops that give Haliburton County its rugged appeal have long been attracting companies like K.J. Beamish Construction Co. Ltd., which submitted the request to change the gravel quarry into a permanent asphalt plant. Since the proposed site is on Crown land, it is up to the Ministry of Natural Resources to weigh these two interests.

"No one's leaning anywhere yet," said MNR area supervisor Sam Itani. She said a project team consisting of a district manager, biologist and several other staff members will review Beamish's final report over the next coming months.

It may be surprising to some that Crown land can be harnessed by a company, but provincially-owned properties have long functioned as more than preserved sites.

According to Itani, asphalt plants are already operating on Crown land throughout northern Ontario. The Bark Lake site has been designated for "general resource use management", meaning it could be put on a similar path.

In the face of this multi-layered debate, Scott has stepped firmly out of the ring. Her executive assistant, Ray Dykstra explained her position: "MNR are doing their work... She feels the experts should have the proper say."

However, decisions surrounding Crown land invariably involve more than expert opinion. The property is collectively owned by taxpayers, and these people can play a significant role in determining its direction.

"Public comment is always important," said Itani, who noted that she considers every e-mail and letter that is sent in. "Listening to their concerns is part of our responsibility."

Itani said she now understands where the majority of the public stands on the issue. Even with two environmental impact reports and one traffic study conducted on the site, she said the case is far from closed.

Until this closure comes, the battle to be heard marches on. Landowners like Logan gather at each other's homes on a regular basis to discuss the issue. The absence of support from local politicians has stirred up a second debate about accountability.

Laurie Scott's Progressive Conservatives Party has a history of accepting donations from Kingston Beamish. His

most recent contribution was in 2006, when he donated \$500 to the party.

"Is this a case of 'Don't bite the hand that feeds you?'" Logan asked. "She works for us no matter how much money Beamish gives her. It's all backwards."

Dykstra responded to this comment by noting that it is normal for a party to accept donations from businesses.

If the asphalt plant is approved, Logan says she will continue to consult her lawyer. In this case, it would be to lobby for lower property taxes to compensate for the deflated property values she predicts would occur.



JESSICA YOUNG/Echo

Drew Vanlieshout and Brailey Clancy watch grass burn beside County Rd. 21 last Tuesday night. According to Fire Chief Miles Maughan, The Dysart et al Volunteer Fire Department set the blaze as part of their weekly training session. "It was both to clean up the dead grass and exercise the equipment," he said.

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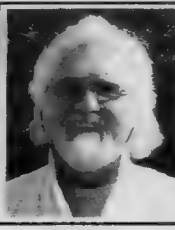
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Ward three paid their dues

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I say to the Reeve and Deputy Reeve if you think the Asphalt Plant and the firing of the Fire Chief were hot issues (both of which are still ongoing), mess with the Post Office and you will surely find out what a hot issue is all about.

Just an afterthought, I wonder how much the Ward three people paid towards the hundreds of thousands of dollars and overall costs incurred by implementing the water system in Ward four.

I firmly believe Ward three people have paid for their post office many times over. For once Mr. Reeve, Mr. Deputy Reeve, please quit shooting yourself in the foot – apply some good old common sense and leave us alone.

Chuck Viner,

On behalf of all Ward three residents

Don't pave paradise

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Yet that is only in the winter, and even then they open the gates and plow the field to allow parking there. That's fine, but the arena and curling club are not operating in the spring and summer so it's not necessary then. For the Home Show Wayne Hussey does a great job marking out parking areas on the field for that weekend.

The ambience of the baseball field is regularly enjoyed by people who bring

their lunch and sit on the benches. Pavement won't encourage that.

In one of her songs Canadian recording artist Joni Mitchell sang, "Don't it always seem to go, you don't know what you've got 'till it's gone. You paved paradise and put up a parking lot."

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'Those other movies' thanks Haliburton audience

To the Editor

Sarah Polley's *Away from Her* opens May 4 across Canada. We were very honoured to be able to show this movie in Haliburton on April 12. This movie was about the pain of dealing with Alzheimer's disease, but it was wrapped in a love story that spoke to us – it was filmed in a

place very near to our county, and Fiona and Grant could easily be our neighbours.

Haliburton, you responded to the call to raise funds for local support. We would like to thank those that donated to our silent auction: the Angels Spa at the Delta Pinestone, First Page SEO, Golden's Stationers, the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation, Holness Yoga

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A big thanks to Tracey's Bistro and Grill for the great food and welcoming staff. The evening became a sharing of personal stories, concerns about parents, grandparents, our friends, our selves. It was comforting to learn of the support available through SIRCH, and Dorothy Owens,

Hospice Client Services Coordinator, 457-1742 got the message out – help is here. Thanks to the tireless volunteers who help at our hospice.

We were disappointed, of course, that Sarah Polley was unable to attend due to weather. We were disappointed that she was not able to see our appreciation for her wonderful movie – but we are also sad that she was not able to meet possibly the best audience in Canada; she would have loved the questions that you ask, the comments you make and the personal observations that are a part of our monthly discussions. Thanks again.

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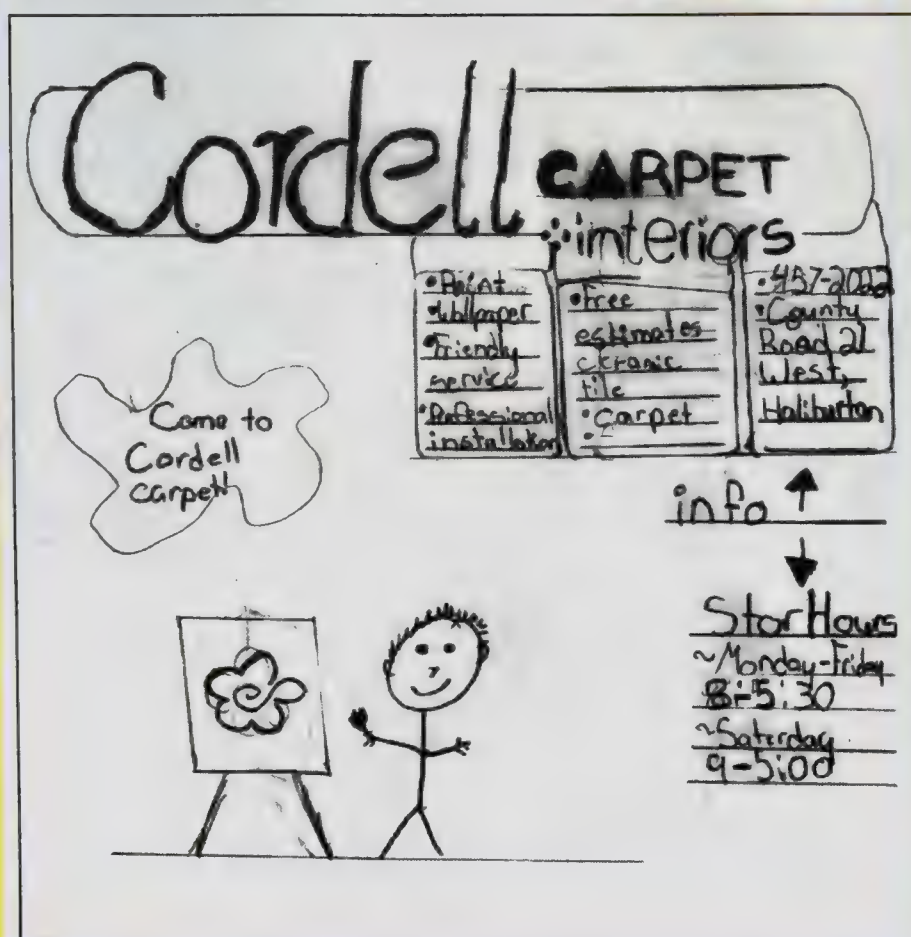
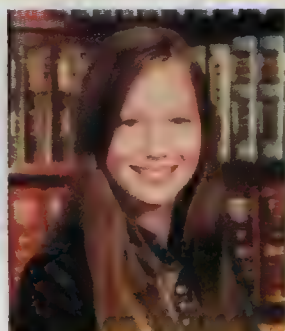
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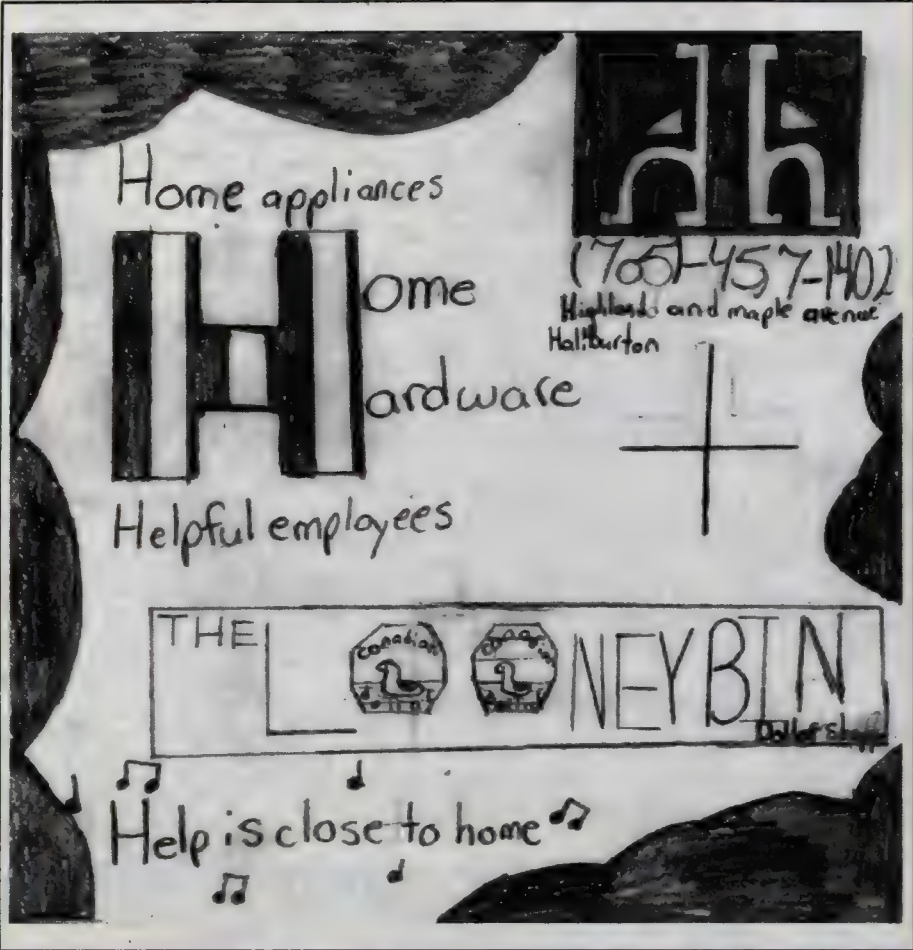
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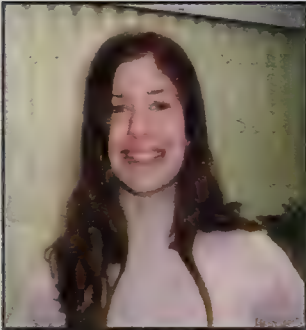
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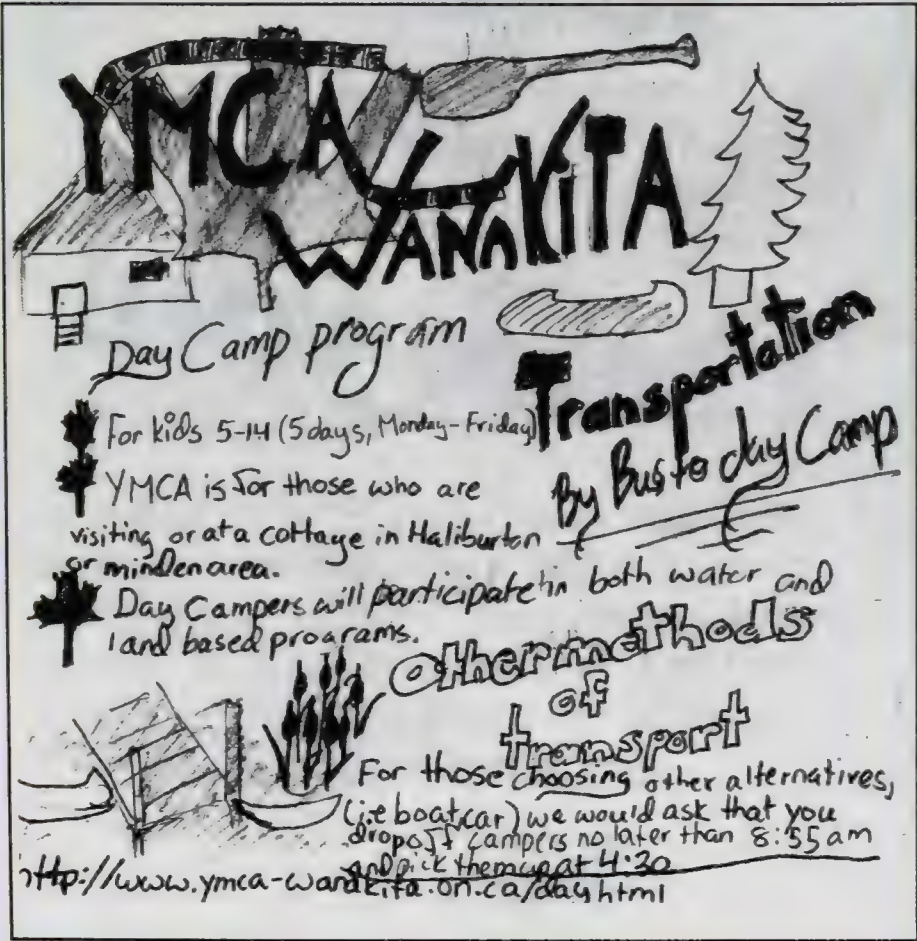
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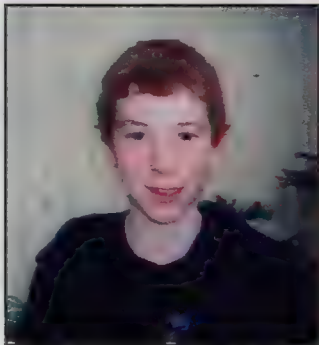
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- Carpet Bowling - May 23, Cardiff Senior Centre
- Bid Euchre - May 24, Kinmount Legion
- Swimming - May 28, The Wigamog Inn, Haliburton
- Darts - May 30, Kinmount Legion
- Bid Euchre - May 31, Cardiff Senior Centre
- Snooker - June 4, Haliburton Legion
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- Horseshoes - June 11, Gooderham
- Floor Shuffleboard - June 14, Minden
- Golf, June 18 - Blairhampton
- Tennis, June 19 - Haliburton



Pedal for hope

Peterborough Lakefield police officer Keith Calderwood flexes his muscles for the camera by Head Lake last Friday after a 100 km bike ride with his team. 12 police officers, RCMP and OPP joined forces for Pedal for Hope, a charity ride for pediatric cancer research. Haliburton was the team's final stop for the day and after a weekend rest, the group will ride to Wilberforce, Bancroft and then back down to Peterborough.



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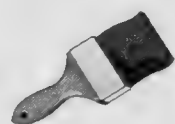
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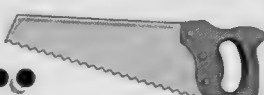
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Celebrating the arts in Haliburton County

Awards gala will honour key players in the local arts scene

The "You've Gotta Have Art" Arts Honours Gala is just a few days away, the honours nominees have been announced and the names of the individuals or groups receiving the top honours are carefully sealed in their envelopes.

Nominations came pouring in for the 2007 Arts Honours in five different categories: Youth Artist, Emerging Artist, Artist of Distinction, Supporter/Administrator and Founder. On Friday, May 4 in the wonderful new Haliburton Curling Club, the Arts Council of Haliburton Highlands will announce the five individuals or groups receiving the top honours and will recognize all of the nominees for their achievements and contribution to the arts in the Highlands.

Tickets for this event were sold out three weeks in advance and a number of businesses and organizations have eagerly supported the event as sponsors: Patient News Publishing, Parker Pad and Printing, Frost Centre Institute, Upnorthwebs, Haliburton County Development Corporation, Highlands Media Arts, Haliburton County Folk Society, Quantum Entertainment, and the Old Country House, along with a number of individual contributors.

Award-winning actor/writer/producer/comedienne Brigitte Gall will be the host for the evening. There will be performances by a number of Haliburton County's talented young artists: Heritage Ballet Dance Troupe, Cass Marie Weyrich, Ryan Dawson, Jocelyn Regina and Bethany Houghton.

World-renowned composer R. Murray Schafer will be on hand to announce the top honours for the Artist of Distinction. The individual or group named for the top honours will receive an Arts Honours statuette created in cast glass by Terry Craig. Following the presentations, the night will be danced away to the live music of Sideshow Bob.

This 2007 nominees are:

Youth Artist

Criterion: A young artist (up to 21 years) who has demonstrated a vigorous commitment to arts production and display in Haliburton County.

Jordyn Archer, Benton Brown, Kortney Gerber, Franziska Kabisch, Jasmin Purnell, Jocelyn Regina, Rachel Regina, Allana Ziorjen

Emerging Artist

Criteria: An artist in the early years of a professional art career (up to seven years), who for the past few years has begun to establish him or herself with outstanding arts production, earning the recognition of their artistic colleagues and enriching the artistic life of the community.

Artech Studios/Terry Craig and Jennifer Wanless Craig, Cedric Butz, Ryan Dawson, Colette Dionne, Michael Fay, April Gates, Jonathon Hagarty, Shelley King, Corey Pietryszyn, Charles Teljeur, and Victoria Ward.

Supporter/Administrator

Criterion: A person who has over many years demonstrated active and productive support for the growth of arts, culture and heritage in Haliburton County.

Jim Blake, Noreen and Bob Blake, Barb Bolin, Jack Brezina, Murray Fearrey, Carole Finn, Sue Forbes, Dianne Graham, Larry Hodgson, Pauline Johnson, Daniela Pagliaro, Len and Kit Pizzey, Tammy Rea, Tom Regina, and Victoria Sisson.

Founder

Criterion: A person or group who is one of the original contributors to the development of the Haliburton Highlands as an arts community.

Arts Council-Haliburton Highlands, Jack Brezina, Dorset Heritage Museum, Carole Finn, Haliburton County Studio Tour, Haliburton Highlands Guild of Fine Arts/Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre, Highlands Little Theatre, Highlands Media Arts, Highlands Wind Symphony, Marion Hill, Sharon Lawrence, and Margot Ziorjen.

Artist of Distinction

Criteria: An artist who has worked for many years to create art or artistic experiences in the Haliburton Highlands and has contributed significantly to the vitality of the arts by mentoring/teaching, supporting other artists and representing the Haliburton Highlands with distinction.

Terry Adair, Brian Atyeo, Mary Anne Barkhouse, Wendy E. Bateman, John Beachli, Jim Blake, Gary Blundell, Glen Carter, Gary Chapman, Terry Craig, Michael Fay, Tiina Heathcock, Pauline Johnson, Thom Lambert, R.D. Lawrence (posthumously), John Lennard, Claire Loft, David Mills, Charles O'Neil, Barbara-Joy Peel, Bailey Renshaw, David Alexander Risk, Leo Sepa, Melissa Stephens, Debbie and Grahame Wales, Jennifer Wanless-Craig, Fay Wilkinson, and Rickie Woods.

For more information on the awards please contact Jim Blake of the Arts Council at 456-3555, or email artscouncil@halhinet.on.ca.

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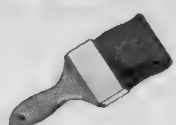
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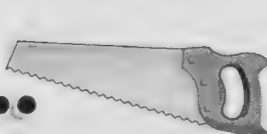
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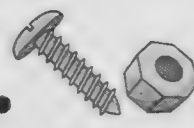


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The new vet in town

Haliburton clinic welcomes Nicola Davies to the team

LAURA HENDRICK

Staff Reporter

As summer draws nearer and new faces start to appear in Haliburton, a number of four-legged creatures are blazing their own trail here. The Haliburton Veterinary Clinic's focus on compassion has been drawing clients from outside the village.

To accommodate the animal influx, owner Laurie Brown has decided to give the clinic a boost with additional exam rooms and staff. The latest member to join the team is Dr. Nicola Davies, who has lived in Minden since 2001. Though she had already been practising animal medicine in the area, she said she was excited to move to a clinic that shared her commitment to pet owners.

"I'm having so much fun here," said Davies, 35, who works primarily with small animals such as cats and dogs. The self-described "tabby cat lover" said she quickly felt at home after starting at the clinic on March 19.

"Laurie and I feel similarly in a lot of areas like ethics and people skills," she said, noting that the clinic does not euthanize healthy animals.

Another value shared by Davies and Brown is the importance of supporting pet owners. She said that, while most veterinarians are competent, she prides herself in giving clients many clear options, and standing behind their choices.

"I generally tell people that I'm going to support their decision no matter what it is - and I mean it."

This may not be as crucial when choosing yearly vaccinations, but as a well-loved animal ages a vet's judgment and compassion take on growing importance.

"It's not always black and white," said Davies. "When



Nicola Davies, 35, listens for a steady heartbeat at the Haliburton Veterinary Clinic, which she joined this spring. She said she was looking for a practice that loved people as much as pets.

you have a sick animal and the tests and treatment are very expensive, people don't know how far to go, how much money to put in, and how much to put their pet through."

In the last month, Davies has faced several of these dilemmas, treating a small dog that was hit by a car, and another who was struggling with a failing bladder.

Brenda Watson is a client of Davies, and followed her when she made the move to Haliburton. Recently she had to put one of her cats down and said she appreciated the way the situation was handled. "Nicola is really good with animals and she was very gentle. It was difficult but it couldn't have been done any better," said Watson.

For Davies it has been encouraging to see these familiar faces. Six years ago, the Winnipeg native said she and her husband Kevin were strangers to the Highlands. After finishing her schooling in Saskatoon, she began to practise

animal medicine on the west coast, but headed half way across the country when Kevin found work in Minden.

Luckily, the big move wasn't as tough as she expected. "The area is so stunningly beautiful. It actually reminds me a bit of B.C.," she said. She has also become hooked on the lifestyle offered here, canoeing, snowshoeing, and hiking in her spare time.

"I think this will be the place I settle."

Animal health technician Liz Postill, who has worked at the clinic for ten years, is not surprised by Davies' plans. "No one ever quits. This is the best vet medicine I've ever worked with."

Though Postill prefers a bullmastiff to a tabby cat, she says she and Davies have one important thing in common: "We care about the animals and we have a great sense of humour."

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Dancers create a 'boogie wonderland' in Wilberforce

Dancers, their families, and friends packed the Lloyd Watson Centre on Saturday evening, April 28. The performers seemed to be dancing with excitement even before they hit the stage for their Recital '07 "Boogie Wonderland".

The show began with a spirited "Boom Boom" tap dance by Jody McGurrin and Kirsty Cook. In eye-catching red dresses the pre-dance children showed their stuff, moving to "I Love Tomatoes." Next was some vigorous Hip Hop to "Get Your Head In The Game" by the more advanced dancers. "Tiki Tiki Tiki Room" brought out colourful masked tap dancers. Some budding ballerinas dancing to "Shine" ended the first part of the program.

After intermission the audience was treated to some fine tap to "Safronia B" by the senior class followed by others jazzing it up to "Witch Doctor." The program continued with the kinderlanders who were real "Pets" and some lively hip hop by several groups. The Boogie Wonderland finale brought all of the dancers back for a final opportunity to show their audience how much they love to dance.

Thanks to Jody McGurrin of the Highland Grove Dance Centre and Loyalist College for the recital.

Many in the community are saddened by the death of Ted Ackley. Edward Fayette "Ted" Ackley died peacefully at the Hospital in Haliburton on Wednesday,

April 25, 2007 in his eighty-fourth year. Ted was born and grew up in Wilberforce. He was the son of Howard and Hattie (Liscombe) Ackley. After working and residing in the Ajax area for many years Ted and his soulmate Lucille retired to Wilberforce. Ted had experienced health problems in recent years. He was predeceased by Lucille and sisters Marie, Maxine and Aileen.

Sympathy is extended to his daughter Marilyn and her husband Steve Giles of Haliburton, to brothers Howard and Murray and sister Doreen, to brother-in-law Preston MacDuff, to his extended family and grandchildren and to many nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was held at the Wilberforce United Church on Monday, April 30 with visitation before the church service. There was a reception at the Lloyd Watson Centre.

The Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre at the Wilberforce Legion on Saturday April 28 was a sellout. Word is that it was fun, the mystery was solved and the meal very good.

Several from the Wilberforce area were delighted to attend the David Jalbert concert at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavillion on Saturday, April 28. Pianist David Jalbert presented an evening of music that will long be remembered. The varied program was made up of a Mozart Rondo, a Skryabin Sonata, two Faure Nocturnes, Shostakovich Preludes

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& Fugues, Liszt's Spanish Rhapsody and John Corigliano's Etude Fantasy. The young virtuoso introduced each piece with charm and humour, providing insightful and helpful information about the composer and the music. The Concert Series committee is to be commended for bringing this talented pianist to our Highlands.

St. Margaret's was well represented at the Anglican Church Women's spring Deanery Day at St. Paul's Beaverton on Thursday April 26, 2007. Catharina Goverde, Sylvia Tallman, Sandy Hall, Doreen Gainforth, Flo Taylor, Elsie Lewis and I enjoyed the fellowship during a day of worship, learning and breaking bread together. A presentation was made

by Guided Hands by four women from Simcoe, Ontario. Their ministry is to the deaf and hearing, using sign language set to praise and worship music. Entitled "I'm Every Woman" the presentation included stories of eight women from the Bible in word, song and with costumed performers.

It was pleasant to have so many drop in to partake of the Loonie Lunch at St. Margaret's church on Wednesday April 25. Plans are afoot for a repeat on the last Wednesday in May.

The 11:15 service at St. Margaret's on Sunday, May 6 will be a Memorial Service for Eileen Agnew, a dedicated member of this community who died earlier this year.

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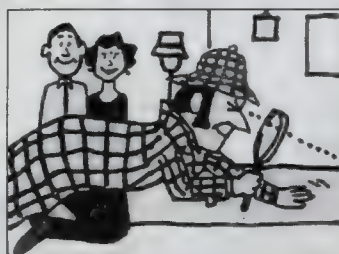
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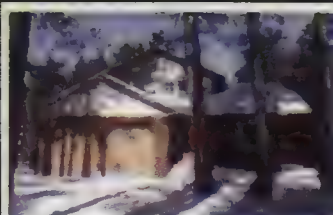
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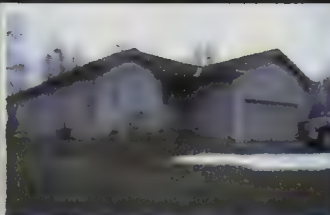
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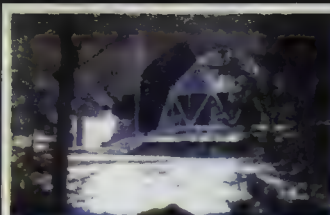
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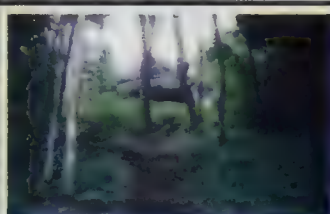
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A tantalizing feast, with a side order of intrigue

This past Saturday night, a multitude of people gathered for the Legion's Rock N. Roley Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre.

The 1959 high school reunion scene was set, and friends Del the Deltoid Toydes

(Fred Peel), Joseph K. Awledge (Ken Jones), Deirdre Dee C. Deucer (Valerie Smith), Calvin Q. Layder (Brian Eves), Rick C. Alcitrent (Tom Coghlan), Penny Roley Loafer (Gail Alden), perky

E.C. Evelyn C. Leigh (Marg Rideout), Priscilla Prissy E. Teene (Cynthia Goodison) gathered at the Malt Shop.

As the drama unfolded and clues were passed out, the audience got into the act and tried to solve the murder mystery of Rock N Roley, the legendary performer at the Cow Palace. The synopsis from the audience detective varied greatly, however; summations from the players revealed that Calvin Q. Layder was the murderer...or was he?

Everyone had fun. The amateur actors pulled it off with tongue-in-cheek one-liners, making the evening entertaining and fun. A big thanks to the cast of suspicious characters. Thanks, too, to Hilary Klapow for her inspiration, organization and the dedication she put into making the evening such a success. Thanks also to her husband Robert Klapow for his assistance and his extraordinary role as "Roberta." A big thank you to Janette Packard for her responsibility as director and narrator. Thanks to Luann Coghlan for decorations and husband Tom for sound effects. Thank you to Jan Sorensen and Dee Robichaud for their roles as our eye-catching waitresses.

The success of the evening depended very heavily on the hard work of a group of very special individuals. A big, big thanks to the Ladies Auxiliary and male helpers who prepared and served a fabulous dinner. Many thanks to the following tireless volunteers - Elois Somerville, Joan Clark, Lynette Clay, Betty Irvine, Ron Burns, Lynn Burns, Manfred Steller, Linda Stickwood, Terry Mowatt Smith and Jerry Mowatt Smith.

At the end of the evening, L.A. Chair, Elois Somerville presented a cheque to Legion President Dave Burton and President-elect Bruce Renee on behalf of the Ladies Committee. Dave thanked the Ladies Auxiliary for their dedication and hard work. Our L.A. is a major contributor to the day-to-day life of our branch by providing financial and volunteer support to our Legion programs. Please keep in

mind that any woman who is eligible for membership in the Legion may also choose to become a member of the Ladies Auxiliary. Our L.A. certainly enriches the programs and activities of our branch.

Don't forget there are only 13 more days until The Lou Moody Rainbow Trout Fish Derby that will take place on May 12. Get your ticket soon. Tickets are just \$15 per person. There will be

cash prizes for first, second and third place winners plus a prize table. Lakes in the derby include Cedar, Cardiff, Clement, Cope, Lower Cardiff and Jorden. MNR regulation rules apply. Derby Officials' ruling is final! For more information call 448-2221.

Here is a special treat for mothers on Mother's Day. The Ladies, Auxiliary and the members of the Wilberforce Legion invite you to join them for Sunday brunch on May 13. Brunch starts at 9 and runs until noon. Adults only \$6, Children \$3 and children under 6 years old are free.

Note: You may not receive your Membership card for a while because there is a problem in Ottawa with the numbering of cards.

Lest We Forget: May 5, 1945 marked the liberation of Holland (WWII). May 8, 1945 marked victory in Europe (V.E.) Day and the end of the Battle of the Atlantic (WWII).

All sick and shut-ins are in our thoughts and prayers. Get well soon!

There are many great upcoming events and remember—everyone is welcome.

April 30: 1:30 p.m. Visit from Scott Young, Provincial Service Officer
May 1: 1 p.m. Open cribbage
May 1: 7 p.m. Executive meeting
May 3: 1 p.m. Ladies Aux. meeting
May 5: 8 p.m. Karaoke
May 11: 7 p.m. Pot luck dinner
May 12: 3 p.m. Meat draw
May 12: Lou Moody Trout Derby
May 13: RCL Ladies Auxiliary Mother's Day brunch. 9 a.m. to noon
May 14: 7 p.m. Open pool
May 15: 1 p.m. Open cribbage
May 15: 7 p.m. General meeting
May 16: 7:30 p.m. Darts
May 19: 9:00 p.m. Dance with DJ Todd Noland

Come on out and join us. I'm sure you'll be glad you did. If you think you would like to join our branch, please ask for an application from the bar steward.

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Mel Smith
448-3040



The Wilberforce Legion held a murder mystery dinner last weekend, which drew in many from the surrounding community. Above, Robert Klapow looks absolutely gorgeous as a 1950s waitress. However, the hall was jam-packed, leaving little room for Klapow's serving trays. Below, Brian Eves introduces his character—Cal "Calculator" Layder, a certified genius—at the Wilberforce Legion's mystery theatre. Guests enjoyed dinner with the murder mystery, which revolved around a 1959 high school reunion. Photos by Neil Judson



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West Guilford welcomes toddler

Myra Marshall hosted a baby shower on April 22 for Alison Daniel and the small guest of honour, her son, Buddy Larkin, just over a month old. Good-natured little fellow that he is, he remained quiet throughout the opening of gifts and teatime as the small gathering enjoyed the young presence in their midst.

community news

west guilford

Eleanor Cooper

754-2388

At the committee meeting at the Centre on April 25, the business centred mostly around the July 1 celebration. Thirteen were present. As lighting becomes updated in the Centre, electrical circuits will be changed. Out of doors, horseshow pitches must be rebuilt because of damage from the August storm. Regulations from the Health Department were noted and discussed. The rules are such that they all but choke off any effort to have food at our Canada Day. However, no such regulations appear against the sale of pies if they are fruit-filled. Meringue and cream pies are definitely not allowed. When I give you a call concerning what you good bakers might bring, please keep offering your best given this understanding; and as always do your best to win first prize with your fruit pie!

A clean-up date, May 6 is set for clean-up of the grounds around the Centre. Come about 9 a.m. and finish about 3 p.m.

Pam Rolfe is visiting her sister, Kathleen Irwin, in Peterborough, England while her sister is in hospital.

Explore your ancestry with the Schoolhouse Historical Society

Every surname tells a story. It may tell you where your forebears originated, what their work was, or their social status. It may even tell you the colour of their hair or complexion, whether they were bald, thin or tall, short or fat.

Studying one's genealogy or family tree can be fascinating, even exciting. Thousands of people feel that way and in this area is a group that has decided to become a full-fledged historical society with meetings and speakers. The newly-formed Schoolhouse Historical Society will hold its first official meeting on May 8 at 7:30 at the Highland Grove Community Centre. The meeting will study how to start your genealogy research (online and off). Membership cost, set at only \$10 per year, will be used for the museum restoration. The following meeting will take place July 10. For further information please contact Michele Smith at 448-2392

This is Education Week and this year's theme is "Reach Every Student". The purpose of the week is to recognize and celebrate the important work that principals, teachers, educational assistants, support staff do to reach every student and to ensure that all students are achieving their full potential.

Students at J.D. Hodgson School have been rehearsing for their school production of the musical Oliver. The performances will be held on May 2 and 3 at the Northern Lights Pavilion. General admission tickets are \$5 each.

Cardiff E.S. students from junior kindergarten to grade 5 will be viewing a "Kids on the Block" puppet presentation. Some of our students will be involved in the school level "Battle of the Books" competition

harcourt

Valerie Smith

448-3840

which is a TLDSB board-wide motivational reading program to promote the reading of quality literature. Students compete in teams of four to answer game show-like questions. Other students will be involved in the TLDSB Historical Fair. This fair focuses on how good it is to be Canadian and allows students to express their knowledge about great moments in Canadian history.

The above events are just a few of the great things happening in our schools. Please drop in to your local school this week to see what our students are excited about.

Remember to always believe in your child's ability to learn and have clear, achievable expectations for your child. One of my favourite quotes comes from Alfred Mercier who said, "What we learn with pleasure - we never forget."

Regarding last week's column: The Wizard of Oz show referred to took place at Eastdale Collegiate and not HHSS.

Harcourt Community Centre's Big Spring Bingo will be held Saturday, May 5. Doors open at 5:30 and games start at 7:00 p.m. Two \$500 jackpot prizes and more. For information call Debbie Shatraw at 448-3155.

Batter Up! Get your teams ready for Harcourt's upcoming 9th Annual Three-Pitch Tournament to be held July 6, 7 and 8. For more information please contact Don Meharrie Jr. (613) 339-2364 or e-mail donmeharrie@sympatico.ca

Upcoming events for Harcourt and surrounding communities:

May 2 - Bingo Wednesday evening starting, at 7:30 p.m. at the Harcourt Community Centre. For more information call Debbie Shatraw at 448-3155.

May 3 - Progressive euchre Thursday evening, starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Harcourt Community Centre. For more information please call Mel Smith at 448-3640.

May 11 - Meet and socialize with friends and neighbours over a mouth watering meal. This is a Haliburton County Home Support service, which provides a nutritious meal at a fixed price and fixed menu. Available to persons aged 55 and over, or physically disabled persons 18 or older. For reservation, please call Eileen Knox 448-2596.



FORM 6
Municipal Act, 2001

SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER

THE CORPORATION OF THE UNITED TOWNSHIPS OF DYSART, DUDLEY, HARCOURT, GUILFORD, HARBURN, BRUTON, HAVELOCK, EYRE AND CLYDE

Take Notice that tenders are invited for the purchase of the land(s) described below and will be received until 3:00 p.m. local time on 09 May 2007, at the Municipal Office, 135 Maple Avenue, P.O. Box 389, Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0.

The tenders will then be opened in public on the same day at 3:00 p.m. at the Municipal Office, 135 Maple Avenue, Haliburton.

Description of Land(s):

Roll No. 46 24 010 000 09300, PIN 39171-0213(LT) Part Lot 6, Concession 2, Geographic Township of Dysart, in the Municipality of Dysart et al, County of Haliburton (No. 19), Being the Lands in Instrument No. 170191. File 05-01
Minimum Tender Amount: \$27,832.98

Roll No. 46 24 010 000 53800 and 46 24 010 000 53900, Firstly: Part of PIN 39172-0142(LT) Part Lot 10, Concession 6, Being the "Firstly" described lands in Instrument No. R217493. Secondly: Part of PIN 39172-0142(LT) Part Lot 10, Concession 6 and Part of the Old Road in Lot 10, Concession 6, Designated as Parts 1 to 7 inclusive, Plan RD-99, Being the "Secondly" described lands in Instrument No. R217493, Geographic Township of Dysart, in the Municipality of Dysart et al, County of Haliburton (No. 19) File 05-16/17 Combined
Minimum Tender Amount: \$9,600.24

Roll No. 46 24 012 000 39600, PIN 39177-0007(LT) Lot 4 Block 2 Plan 1, Geographic Township of Dysart, in the Municipality of Dysart et al, County of Haliburton (No. 19) File 05-22
Minimum Tender Amount: \$11,176.62

Roll No. 46 24 020 000 08700, Lot 6, Plan 482, Geographic Township of Dudley, in the Municipality of Dysart et al, County of Haliburton (No. 19) File 05-26
Minimum Tender Amount: \$3,167.46

Roll No. 46 24 020 000 08900, Lot 4, Plan 482, Geographic Township of Dudley, in the Municipality of Dysart et al, County of Haliburton (No. 19) File 05-27
Minimum Tender Amount: \$3,110.65

Roll No. 46 24 020 000 5760, Lot 77, Plan 516, Geographic Township of Dudley, in the Municipality of Dysart et al, County of Haliburton (No. 19) Together with an undivided 1/9th Interest in Lot 19, Plan 516 as appurtenant to said Lot 77, Plan 516. File 05-30
Minimum Tender Amount: \$3,242.20

Roll No. 46 24 041 000 35505, Part Lot 34, Concession 7, Geographic Township of Guilford, in the Municipality of Dysart et al, County of Haliburton (No. 19) Designated as Part 3, Plan 19R-4381. File 05-43
Minimum Tender Amount: \$3,518.28

Tenders must be submitted in the prescribed form and must be accompanied by a deposit in the form of a money order or of a bank draft or cheque certified by a bank or trust corporation payable to the municipality (or board) and representing at least 20 per cent of the tender amount.

Except as follows, the municipality makes no representation regarding the title to or any other matters relating to the land(s) to be sold. Responsibility for ascertaining these matters rests with the potential purchasers.

This sale is governed by the *Municipal Act, 2001* and the Municipal Tax Sales Rules made under that Act. The successful purchaser will be required to pay the amount tendered plus accumulated taxes and the relevant land transfer tax.

The municipality has no obligation to provide vacant possession to the successful purchaser.

Note: G.S.T. may be payable by successful purchaser.

For further information regarding this sale and a copy of the prescribed form of tender please visit our website at www.dysartetal.ca or contact:

Ms. Fay Brown, A.M.C.T.
Treasurer
The Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al
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NOTICE

Of OFSC District 6 / Snow Country
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Members of the 'Marsh-ins' compete in the 2007 Envirothon

HHSS teams come close at Envirothon

An environmental competition for high school students, known as Envirothon, was held on April 18, 2007. Located in Arrowhead Provincial Park in Huntsville the competition resulted in local teams Marsh-ins and Team Green taking first place in the Alternate Renewable Energy, Wildlife and Aquatics divisions.

With some solid training by Haliburton Stewardship Council volunteers and coaching from their teacher, Ron Zondervan, the Marsh-ins, with team members Melanie Shapeira, Leslie Abel, Shawn Bixi, Will Pentesco and David Perecko, came in a close second to Bracebridge who won the honour of advancing to the provincial level.

Envirothon is a hands-on environmental competition for high school-aged students competing in teams of five students on five

topics. This year's five topics were forestry, wildlife, soils, aquatics and renewable energy. The competition is provincially sponsored by the Ontario Forestry Association and delivered locally by the Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council in partnership with the Parry Sound-Muskoka Stewardship Network and Ministry of Natural Resources.

This year's competition saw seven teams representing schools from Haliburton, Parry Sound, Almaguin and Bracebridge with the winning team advancing to the Provincial Envirothon competition to be held in Cornwall May 9-12, 2007. The winner of the Provincial competition will go on to represent Ontario at the North America Envirothon Event to be held July 29-August 4 in Geneva, New York.

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**NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING
TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION
TO PURCHASE ROAD ALLOWANCE
MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL**

DATE: May 7, 2007

TIME: Any person who wishes to address Council should contact the Planning Department for a delegation time.

LOCATION: Council Chambers, Municipal Office, 135 Maple Avenue, Haliburton, Ontario.

APPLICATIONS:

The Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al has, by resolution, declared the following parcels of land to be surplus. These parcels of land are parts of an original shore road allowance located in the Municipality of Dysart et al, in the County of Haliburton.

Applicant: Dafoe and Venum
Location: Kashagawiganog Lake

- Shoreline Road Allowance
- Part of the Original Shoreline Road Allowance In Front of Lot 6, Concession 7,
- Geographic Township of Dysart.
- Defined as Parts 1, 2 and 3 on a preliminary plan of survey, prepared by Paul Wilson Surveying Ltd., dated March 1, 2007, being available for review in the Planning Department.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al proposes to consider and if deemed appropriate enact at its meeting as noted above, a by-law to close, stop-up and convey the portions of road allowances described above.

BEFORE PASSING the said by-law, the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al shall at its meeting to be held as noted above, hear in person or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his land will be affected by the said by-law.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION is available for review from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular offices hours (8:30 am. to 4:30 pm. Monday to Friday).

DATED at the Township of Dysart, this 24th day of April, 2007

Patricia E. Martin
M.C.I.P., R.P.P.
Municipal Planner

community calendar

What's happening in the Highlands

CURRENT EVENTS

- **Now until May 18:** Swim & Gym – Ontario Early Years at the Wigamog Inn, Friday's started Mar. 23rd to May 18, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Splish, Splash, & Play! Families that play together stay fit together. 8 weekly sessions are for families with infants to preschoolers to have an hour each of swimming & play at the Wigamog Inn. Call 286-4625 for more info. or to register. Space is limited.
- **May 1 to June 12:** Move & Groove Stroller fun for Parents & Children. Haliburton OEYC, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Join other parents to: Kick-off your spring walking plan, Gain tips & ideas to stay motivated for success, Show your child the importance of physical activity. Call 457-2989 to register.
- **May 1:** Beginner Tai Chi starts Tues. at 1 & 7 p.m. at Hyland Crest, Minden. First class is a free introduction. Call Ginny at 489-2996 to register. Note: The Taoist Tai Chi Society is a registered charity & all instructors are accredited & are volunteers.
- **May 1:** Learn Eating & Activity Forever (LEAF). This free program is offered by the Health Unit. Rosie Kadwell & Sue Shikaze will discuss ways to achieve a healthy body weight by eating well & being active. LEAF classes run over 4 consecutive Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Call 457-1391 ext. 245.
- **May 2:** VON Foot Care Clinic, 9 a.m. Located in the Community Care Drop-In Centre in the Halco Plaza in Haliburton. Subsequent clinics the first Wed. of every month. Book an appt. 1-800-743-6255.
- **May 2:** Community Care Diner's Club meets for lunch at Win Yeung's in Haliburton, 12 noon. These luncheons are available to seniors & adults with disabilities & their caregivers. Please call 457-2941.
- **May 3:** Community Care Diner's Club meets for lunch at the Minden Legion, 12 noon. These luncheons are available to seniors & adults with disabilities & their caregivers. Call 457-2941.
- **May 3:** The Social Recreation program at Community Care offers an afternoon of Bid Euchre to seniors. The fun begins at 1 p.m. Call 457-2941 for more info.
- **May 3, 17, 31 & June 14:** Play & Learn in Wilberforce with the Ontario Early Years Mobile Outreach. Drop-in & see us every other Thursday at the Lloyd Watson Centre from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Parents & children 0-6 years will enjoy activities, crafts, & active circle times; toy & book lending; ideas to help keep kids healthy & safe; nutritional snacks; & guest speakers. Call OEYC for more info. 457-2989.
- **May 3:** Ladies Fellowship – Thurs., 7:30 p.m., West Guilford Community Centre. Fashion Show: Laurie Bonfield, Country Pickins. For further information, call Lyn at 457-3155 or Alice at 754-2808.
- **May 3, 17:** Play & Learn in Wilberforce with the Ontario Early Years Mobile Outreach at the Lloyd Watson Centre. May 3, 17, 31; & June 14. Drop-in & see us every other Thurs. from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Parents & children 0 to 6 years will enjoy activities, crafts, & active circle times; toy & book lending; ideas to help keep kids healthy & safe; nutritional snacks; & guest speakers. Call 457-2989.
- **May 4:** The Social Recreation program at Community Care offers an afternoon of Cribbage to seniors. The fun begins at 1 p.m. Call 457-2941 for more info.
- **May 4:** Ladies – Join the Haliburton Highlands Women's Golf League on Fri., May 4 at Wigamog Inn, 7 p.m. at the Icebreaker Tee Social Evening & Registration. All levels of players are welcome to join. For more info call Mary Lou at 455-9266.
- **May 5:** The Kawartha Marine Modellers will hold a Model Ship Display Fundraiser for Kawartha Settlers' Village at the village, 85 Dunn St. in Bobcaygeon on Sat. from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Children under 12 are free. Come & learn about the fascinating hobby of model ship building & Radio Control. For info or cost please call Dan at 738-1335 or Tony at 328-0526.
- **May 5:** Free Family fun Day – Event for expectant parents & families with children up to age 6. Features live entertainment, face painting, fun activities, free lunch & showcase of resources for local families. Held at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more info. or if you need a ride, call 457-2989 or 286-1770.
- **May 5-6:** Stanhope Airport – Annual Pancake Fly In. Come out for a yummy breakfast/brunch & talk with pilots from across Ontario. For information call John Packer at 754-2611 or visit us at www.stanhopeairport.com for details.
- **May 5-9:** Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre presents Rose Pearson: Squares. Reception/Artist Talk. Sat., May 5, 2-4 p.m.
- **May 6:** Hike for Hospice. Get active while raising money for the SIRCH community hospice program. To participate as a team or individual, pick up a copy of the pledge form, & start collecting pledges to hike. Forms can also be downloaded at www.sirch.on.ca. Registration starts at 12:30 p.m. at Fleming College in the Great Hall. Hike starts at 1:30 p.m. Call Hike Coordinator Marilyn Rydberg at 754-9667.
- **May 6:** Put the Word into Actions Ministries invites you to join us to welcome home Don & Judith McKay from Missions in Jamaica. Soup Social Sun., 11:45 a.m. at Lakeside Baptist Church. Donations for their expenses gladly received.
- **May 6:** Sustainable Ecological Alternatives for Living (S.E.A.L.) presents Thurston Organic Farm re CSA, microfarming & local food, also slides by Friends of Osprey, and Earth Week Forum results with prep for ERC #2. Lions Hall, 55 Main, Bobcaygeon, 2 p.m. www.sealweb.org 738-0371.
- **May 7:** The Social Recreation program at Community Care offers an afternoon of Bid Euchre to seniors. The fun begins at 1 p.m. Call 457-2941 for more info.
- **May 9:** Community Care has organized a bus trip to see the Phantom of the Opera at the Princess of Wales Theatre in Toronto. Trip includes transportation by Highway Coach, tickets to the Theatre, dinner at the Mandarin & all taxes & gratuities. To travel with Community Care you need to be a member of the Trip Club. **Call before Fri., May 4** at 457-2941 to book your seat or call to join the trip club.

ONGOING EVENTS

- **Wanted by May 4:** Gently used children's books & music CD's. We are collecting these items for Family Fun Day. They will be given away to other children from Haliburton County. If your children have outgrown these items we would appreciate the donation. Please drop off at the Minden or Haliburton Early Learning Centres.
- **Every day a new picture** of Haliburton County, and sometimes beyond. Just visit www.jackbush.my-expressions.com. every day. A great reminder of why we all love living right here.
- **Ladies:** Join the Haliburton Highlands Women's Golf league. 9 & 18 hole schedules to choose from. Join as a single (we help find you a foursome) at discounted green fees. All levels of players & cottagers are welcome to join. For more info. call Mary Lou at 455-9266.
- **Coming in June:** Relay For Life – An overnight, non-competitive relay that involves teams whose members take turns running, walking or strolling around a track. Proceeds go to cancer research & community services for people living with cancer. This national event is coming to Haliburton County for the first time, Fri., June 15, 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. To join or start a team, take part in the Survivors Victory Lap, pledge a local participant, or to purchase a luminary in memory of a loved one, please visit www.cancer.ca/relay or call Wendy Iles at 457-3517.
- **Community Care has two trips now finalized.** They are going to Phantom of the Opera on May 9 and to Dirty Dancing on Nov. 1. Price includes transportation by highway coach, a delicious dinner, theatre tickets & all taxes & gratuities. Call Roxanne at 457-2941 for more info. or to reserve your seat.
- **Haliburton Legion, Br. 129** – Every Wednesday night is Bingo night. Early Bird starts at 7:00 p.m.
- **Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 636,** Minden holds its General Business Meeting on the first Wed. of each month at 7:30 p.m.
- **Mondays – Township of Algonquin Highlands** – For adults & seniors in the community, Euchre at Club 35 on Mondays at 7 p.m. For more info call: 489-2945.

Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to editor@haliburtonecho.ca, or brought in to the office. **Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date.**

NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events in the Highlands.

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- Rx Manufacturing cut off saw, Clarke Custom Portable edger, Chase "circular saw" mill, AH Hi flo 80 gal compressor, assorted 4"x4"x8", 10', 16' assorted 6"x6" timbers, assorted hardwood & softwood logs, slab wood.

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Miscellaneous A230

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FOR SALE - 1979 Terry Taurus Trailer 22 FT. sleeps 6 Awning, Hot-water, stove, fridge. \$3000.00. Call 448-2503

FOR SALE - 2000 Regency 28' RV Tripple "E" classic Ford V 10 50,000 km Loaded Immaculate. \$36 K 455-9334

FOR SALE - 8 Foot Brown Bogg Sheet Metal Brake, Brown Bogg Lockformer 22 Ga. Capacity; 30 inch Sheet Metal Roller, Brown Bogg Edger; Oster Power Threading Machine and 1989 MF50H 4 Wheel Drive Extenda Backhoe- (SOLD) Call 705-457-1077- Adrian

Miscellaneous A230

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Miscellaneous A230

FOR SALE - Backhoe case 680 K Good Mechanical Conditions. 754-1544

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For Sale - Soft doll bodies, small, medium, and large. Socks, shoes, leotards, doll joints and paper patterns. Make an offer! Call 457-9791.

FOR SALE - Tractor 1992 Belarus 42J 55 HP 4 Wheel Drive low Mileage 447-3320

Resort/ Vacation A760

ATTENTION COTTAGE OWNERS - We are looking for cottages to rent for the summer of 2007. Let us show you how to turn your empty cottage into cash. 705-457-1754. www.haliburtoncottageandrental.com

Careers A780

The Times ECHO Advertising Sales Representative

Osprey Media is seeking an advertising sales representative for a recently created position in our growing sales department.

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- Sales preparations, develop print marketing plans, client contact, meeting or exceeding account revenue targets, copy writing and administrative follow-up.

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- Strong organizational and time management skills.
- Ability to work independently in a fast-paced and deadline- oriented environment.
- The successful applicant will be required to have a valid driver's licence and a reliable vehicle. Remuneration includes a base income and commission.

We would like to thank all applicants for their interest in this position; however, only those considered for an interview will be contacted.

Send resume by Friday May 11th, in confidence to:

David Zilstra, General Manager,
Haliburton County Echo / Minden Times
 146 Highland Street P.O. Box 360
 Haliburton, ON K0M 1S0
dzilstra@haliburtonecho.ca

Miscellaneous A230

Tommy is missing- Small 3 year old, male neutered tabby - black, grey, white, missing since April 24, 07 from 295 Riverside Drive, please call Robert at 705.457.2298, reward offered.

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Miscellaneous A230

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PETS & AGRICULTURE

Lost & Found A320

LOST - Ladies Emerald and Diamond ring. Lost April 24 around Home Hardware Haliburton. **REWARD** 489-2050

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TRANSPORTATION

Cars A400

2003 Buick Regal LS Fully loaded, all power, immaculate condition. 102,000 hwy kms. Asking \$12,500 Must See! Call Brian at 754-9455

Cars A400

'95 Hyundai - 2 door hatch-back, 4 cyl. auto, electric o/d, air, green exterior in very good condition, \$1800. Call Ross at 457-5795 10:00 am to 10:00 pm

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1973 Vega Hatchback 350 cubic in.s.b with 350 Turbo Trans, Shift Kit, 10 bolt posi solid body, clean interior, runs straight. Call 754-9413 for more details. Parts car available \$8,000.00 O.B.O.

FOR SALE - 2002 Intrepid SE, one owner, excellent cond., P.S., A/C, Cruise, etc. 102,000 km, Asking \$8,900 o.b.o. certified. Call 286-1129

General Employment A800

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Full Time Cleaner

Located on County Road 21, between Head Lake & Lake Kashagawigamog, Patient News Publishing requires a full-time cleaner/janitor to keep our 17,000 square foot building in top shape. Various daily and weekly duties will include kitchen and restroom maintenance and sanitization, floor washing and vacuuming, sweeping, window & blind maintenance, lightbulb maintenance, desktop dusting and workspace area cleaning, door knob/telephone wiping and disinfecting. Monthly and annual deep cleaning will also be required. Please send your resume to: jbishop@patientnews.com.

Cars A400

FOR SALE - 1974 Dodge Duster - no papers, engine doesn't run, needs restoring, 344 barrel, dual exhaust stall converter, 2,000 cash or trade for other two door 60's or 70's vehicle Call 457-2298

FOR SALE - 1999 Chev Cavalier convertible Z24 white on white top all power No winter-s, rust checked 122,000 KM mint condition. Certified \$5800.00 o.b.o 457-1513

FOR SALE - 2002 Honda CBR 954 RR Sport bike. Custom paint, AKAAPOLVIC exhaust. Carbon fiber parts under \$7000.00 call 286-1730 OR 286-3467

Vans/ Trucks A420

FOR SALE - 1997 Pontiac Montana Transport. As Is Needs engine work \$800.00. Call 457-1037 between 9 am - 5 pm. Ask for David

FOR SALE - 1996 Chev Z71 4x4 pickup, extended cab, loaded. Matching cap and tonneau cover. Mint cond. \$11,000 o.b.o. Call 705-286-6720

FOR SALE - 1998 Dodge Dakota 5 speed - V6-Ext Cab Posi Trak - 2 WD Red 231,000 KM. Good Condition \$3,500 O.B.O 488-2860



Snowmobiles A490

FOR SALE - 1997 Yamaha 700 SX Excellent conditions, Extras \$2000.00 Call 754-9413

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REAL ESTATE



RENTALS

Apartments A600
Furnished

FOR RENT - Furnished, one-bedroom apartment. On Moore Lake (between Norland and Minden). Phone 705-454-3024.

FOR RENT May 1 - Nov1 - Boat house on lake Kashagawigamog, 10 Min from town, Balcony overlooking lake, sunsets. Living room, Kitchen, bedroom, bathroom \$700.00 per month. Call 457-1370

Apartments A600
Furnished

FOR RENT - New 2 bed- room furnished apt in town no stairs. Quiet bright, private entrance livingroom, kitchen, bath and laundry room. Air con, cable, high-speed internet. All utilities included. In ground pool. Great for Students, Business professionals or seniors. By the week, month or season. Call 457-1513

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FOR RENT - Large one bedroom apt downtown Minden, newly renovated. Non Smoker Call Dave @ 286-1730

General Employment A800

Apartments A610
Unfurnished

FOR RENT - One bed- room apartment in Haliburton, 2 minute drive to town. NO PETS. Fridge and stove included. \$575.00 month plus utilities. Common laundry room available. This unit is a walk out unit, which has no stairs. Please call and ask for Debra 457-4020

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Wanted to Rent A700

Young Couple - plus friend and pets looking for two plus bedroom home to rent. Required immediately. Reference available. Call 754-3125



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PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

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Summer Hockey Camp

Located in the Bancroft area looking for two life guards from July 8th to Sept 1.
Job Requirements:
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Life Guard two Bronze Cross, First Aid
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MEAT CUTTER REQUIRED: Apply to Minden Valu-Mart. Person interested in training for the position may also apply. Call 705-286-3388 or fax 705-286-4765. Ask for Lynda or Pat. Only those to be interviewed will be contacted.

SIRCH Community Services and Consulting is hiring for a summer School's Cool program in Haliburton. Certification training provided. Experience in ECE or teaching an asset. Email or fax resumes to Hiring Committee, SIRCH Community Services. info@sirch.on.ca or 705-457-5352 (fax). For further information, contact Cathy at 457-1742 x30

General Employment A800

FOOD SERVICES STAFF REQUIRED IMMEDIATELY at the Kinark Outdoor Centre, located on Queens Line off of Hwy 118 west of Camarvon. Previous experience working in a food service setting preferred and ability to work independently essential. Competitive salary. Please fax, email or mail resumes to: Steve Stevens Kinark Outdoor Centre PO Box 730 Minden, ON K0M 2K0 Fax: 705-286-6184 Steve.stevens@kinark.on.ca

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NOW HIRING
CLEANER needed for Cottage Resort, May to Oct., possibly year around. Must be detailed oriented and reliable. Also **GARDENER** and **PAINTER** needed. Ideal for mature or retired person. Part-time. Call (705)489-2193

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General Employment A800

DORSET HERITAGE MUSEUM - NOW HIRING!
One university student required to help with the recording of contents of the museum to database. Computer skills an asset and interest in our local history an advantage. The position is dependent upon government funding.
Tourism Information Person to help welcome visitors to our museum. This is a position at the reception desk for both the museum and tourist information office. The position is dependent upon government funding.
Please forward resumes to the Dorset Heritage Museum, P.O. Box 84, Dorset, POA 1E0 or email to dhm@muskoka.com

The Haliburton Figure Skating Club is looking for a **STARSKATE** Coach for the 2007-2008 season (September to April) with qualifications to coach Canskate, Junior and Intermediate Star groups, and Senior Star freeskate, dances, skills and stroking. Planned nights are Monday, Tuesday and Thursdays from 4 - 7 p.m. Candidates must have a current coaching membership with Skate Canada and have a valid First Aid Certificate. Interested parties should submit their resume to Eva Griffith, HFSC President at e.griffith@t-idsb.on.ca or mail to Haliburton Figure Skating Club, Box 246, Haliburton, Ontario, K0M 1S0.

BARK LAKE Leadership Centre
1551 Bark Lake Drive, Irondale, Ontario, K0M 1X0
Fax: (705) 447-2475 E-Mail: admin@barklake.com

Bark Lake Leadership Centre is currently accepting applications for part time employment in our housekeeping and kitchen departments. Please forward resumes by mail, fax or e-mail. No telephone calls please. Only those being considered for a position will be contacted.

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For more information, please go to our website: www.alcdsb.on.ca/aboutus

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Kawartha

Warehouse Person - Shipper

Kawartha Dairy Minden Location seeks a person to work in refrigerated and frozen products storage facility. Must be willing to work shifts including evenings and weekends.

Duties include:

- Daily inventory of finished products.
- Rotation of stock
- Maintain organized appearance and excellent quality standards in storage areas.
- Daily load out of company delivery vehicles.

Preference will be given to candidates with previous food products warehousing experience. Interested applicants are requested to submit a resume to fax # (705) 738-3136 or email to info@kawarthadairy.com. Only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.

Legal Notices A900

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS
IN THE ESTATE
OF
WALTER TAYLOR

All persons having claims against the Estate of Walter Taylor late of the County of Haliburton, Province of Ontario who died on or about the 19th day of January, 2006, are hereby notified to send their fully certified statements to the undersigned on or before the 25th day of May, 2007 after which date the executrix and estate trustee will distribute the assets having regard only to the claims of which she then shall have notice.

DATED at Lindsay, this 16th day of April, 2007.

RUTH STAMP, Executrix and Estate Trustee

By her solicitors,
CORNELL, MORTLOCK & SILLBERG
272 Kent Street West
P.O. Box 536
Lindsay, Ontario
K9V 4S5

Notices A910



NOTICE OF ANNUAL
GENERAL MEETING

The Board of Directors
Of
Workforce Development Board

Will be holding their Annual General Meeting
On Wednesday June 20, 2007
Kawartha Downs and Speedway
1382 County Road #28
Fraserville, ON K0L 1V0
4:00 pm

For reservations please call
1-800-340-0111 by May 15, 2007

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Coming Events A940

Calling All Vendors and Crafters!
for May 19th at the Haliburton
United Church for a Boot/Craft Sale
Contact Jane Johnston, 457-1715

Mother's Day Yoga Retreat at YMCA Wanakita
2:00 - 4:00 pm
Saturday May 12
This is an event for Mothers and Daughters to
come and play and celebrate being together.
For more information call Lynda Shadbolt at
457-3121 or check out
www.haliburtonyoga.com

Parents and skaters of the Haliburton
Figure Skating Club are invited to attend
the Annual General Meeting being held
on Sunday, May 6, 2007 Dysart Arena
12 noon
Please join us for a Potluck Lunch and
Awards Ceremony

THE EXILED

A play by Ryan Dawson

A Humorous Tale
about the trials and joys of cabin fever

Starring Elke Ross, Daniela Pagliaro, Ryan
Dawson and Fraser Newton
Music by Nicholas Russell

Saturday, May 19th, 2007 - 8:00 p.m.
Northern Lights Performing
Arts Pavilion
Tickets \$10.00 Call 286-3202 to reserve

FREE

**Family
Fun Day**

**Saturday May 5th,
9:30 am - 1 pm**

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School

For expectant parents and families
with children up to age six.
Live entertainment, face painting,
fun activities, free lunch.
Showcase of resources and services
for local families.

FREE For more information, **FREE**
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General Employment A800

HELP WANTED:
Experienced tractor
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HELP WANTED
Full-time cook, wages
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Will train the right
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Garage Sales G100

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Power Tools, Fishing Tackle, Golf Clubs,
Bikes, Wicker Furniture, Mirrors, Books,
Many Household Items!
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Stanhope Airport

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**GARAGE
Sale**

Sat. May 5th
Sun. May 6th
9-12 noon

Free Set up
Refreshments Available

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Coming Events A940

**Turn Trash to
Treasure**
Sat June 16, 2007
Antiques/memorabilia
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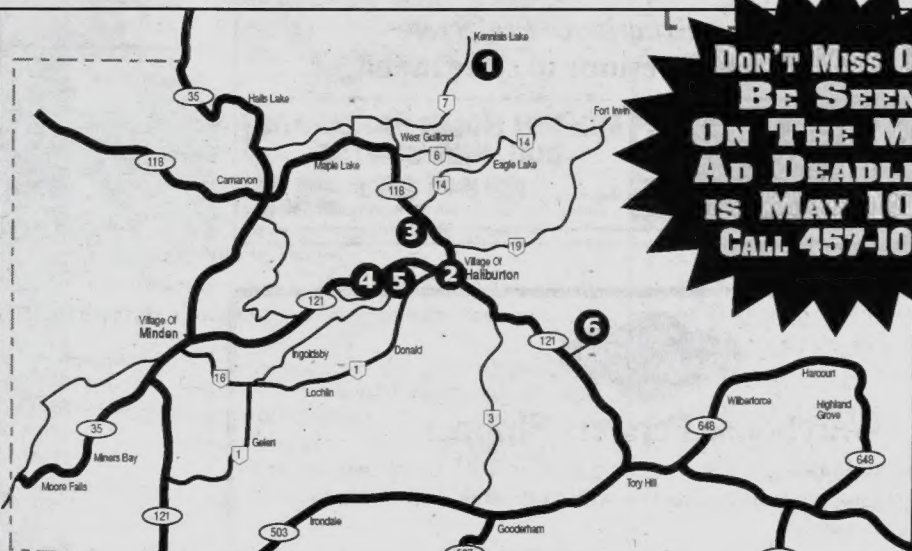
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Community Centre 1-5 p.m.

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TOUSAW - We would like to thank the staff at the Minden Hospital, ambulance personnel, Hydro employees, particularly Brian Gallagher and John Barkwell, Council and staff of the County of Haliburton, as well as our family and friends for their support during Jane's accident and recovery. We are grateful to be so blessed.

- Rod and Jane Tousaw

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Deaths

ACKLEY, Edward Fayette "Ted" - Passed away peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital on Wednesday, April 25, 2007. In his 84th year.

Loving partner and soul mate to the late Lucille, son of the late Howard and Hattie Ackley. Dear father of Marilyn and her husband Steve Giles of Haliburton. Fondly remembered by his extended family Marie and John, Doug and Dorothy, Gail and Bob, Gord (predeceased). Loving grandpa of Dwayne, David, Steven, Zachary, Vanessa, Clay, Scott, Heather, Madelyn. Dear brother of Murray, Howard, Doreen and their families, predeceased by Marie, Maxine and Aileen. Ted will be missed by many nieces and nephews.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the South Wilberforce United Church on Monday, April 30, 2007 from 1:00 pm until the time of the Funeral Service at 3:00 pm. Interment at the South Wilberforce Cemetery. Reception to follow at the Lloyd Watson Centre.

Memorial donations to the Kidney Foundation or to the Haliburton County Community Care would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the **Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd.**, 127 Main St., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0. www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com

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Deaths

BIRRELL, Andrew Bruce Horsfall - Of natural causes on Tuesday, April 24, 2007 in his ninety-third year, at Extencicare in Peterborough, Ontario. Dear husband of Primrose Bigsby, father of Rodney (Veronica), Tony, Sydney (Pamela) and Diana; brother to Dr. Heather (Knight); and grandfather to Rebecca, James (deceased) and Benjamin. Bruce Birrell was born in Reading, England to John Horsfall Birrell and Ada Bell, on December 18, 1914. He graduated in engineering from Durham University and was an oarsman on its championship rowing team. As a young man, Bruce joined the British Indian Army and served as a mechanical-electrical engineer during WW II, rising to the rank of major. In civilian life he worked in England, Singapore, Bangladesh, Sarnia, Montreal, and several other Canadian cities, before retiring to Soyers Lake, Haliburton. Bruce was an enthusiastic amateur church musician, and was generally to be found on Sunday mornings seated at the organ bench of the local church. He and Primrose had broad interests and a wide circle of friends. Advancing age and Alzheimer's forced them to give up their life at the lake and move to Peterborough. Primrose joined Bruce at Extencicare in 2005. A memorial service will be held at MURRAY STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, 175 Murray Street, Peterborough, on Saturday, May 12 at 2:30 p.m. Condolences to the family and directions to the church may be found at www.CommunityAlternative.ca or by calling 705-742-1875. In lieu of flowers, a donation can be made to The James Fund for Neuroblastoma Research at SickKids, a fund in honour of Bruce's grandson. Donations can be made on-line through www.JamesFund.ca, or mailed to The James Fund, #4-625 Whitaker Street, Peterborough, On, Canada K9H 7L5. The Birrell family offers their sincere thanks to the staff at Extencicare for their kindness to both Primrose and Bruce.

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Deaths

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VOS, James Calvin "Jamie" - Passed away peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital on Tuesday, April 24, 2007. At the age of 41.

Loving son of Johanna and the late Tom Vos. Dear brother of Randy, Carol and her husband Jamie Champ. Dear uncle to Cam, Marsh and Maddie.

Friends were invited to visit the family at the **Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd.**, 127 Main St., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com on Friday, April 27, 2007 from 12:00 o'clock noon until the time of the Funeral Services in the chapel at 2:00 pm. A Private Interment at Minden Cemetery.

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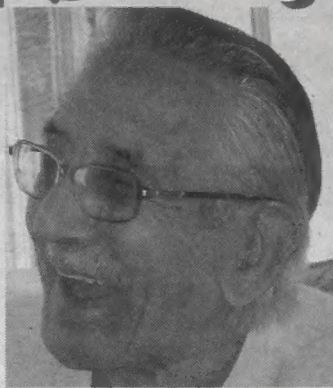
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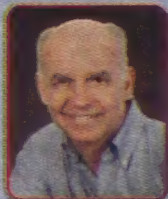
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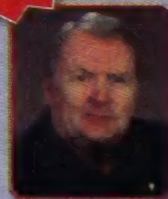
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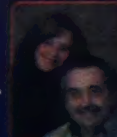
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